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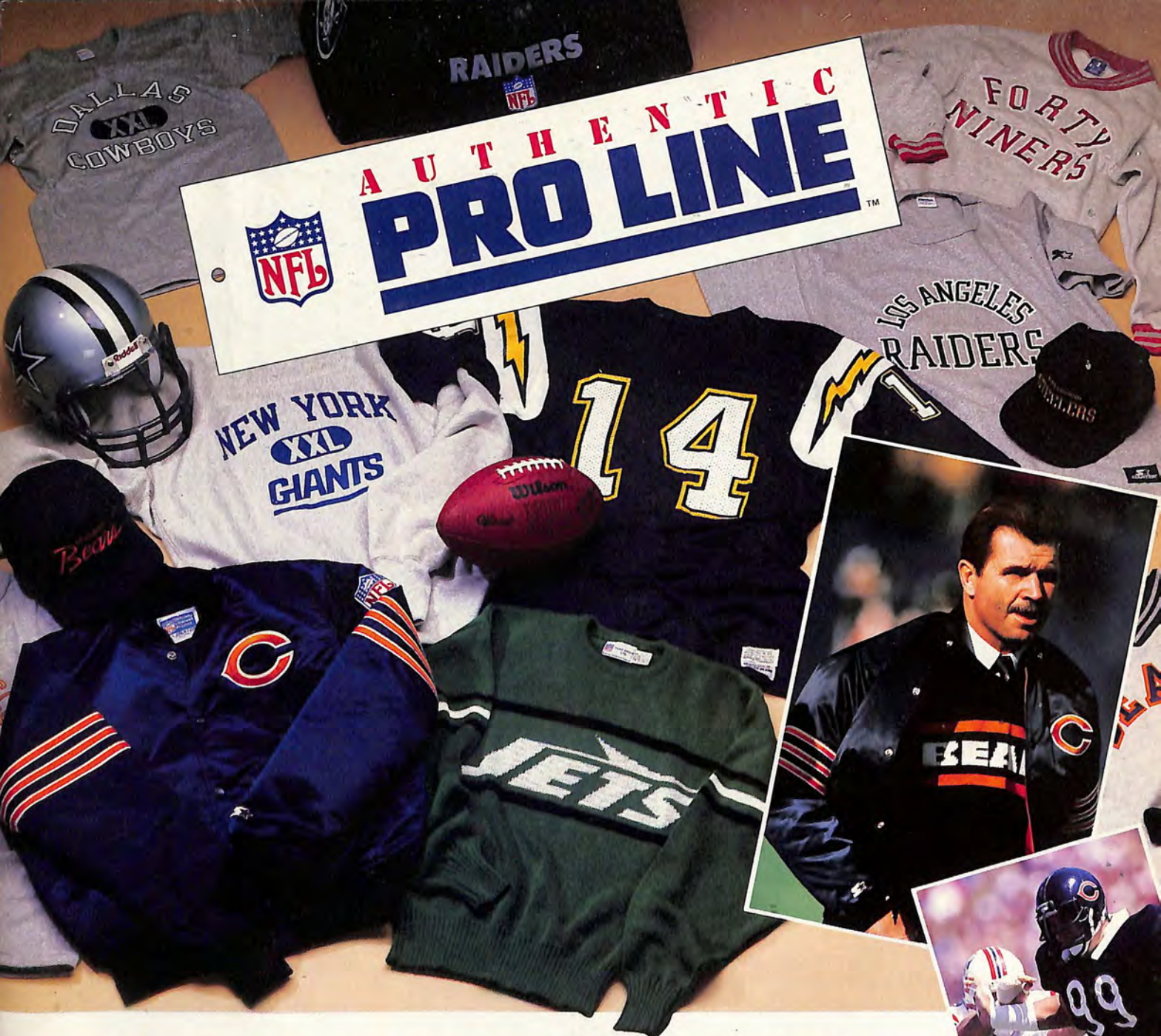
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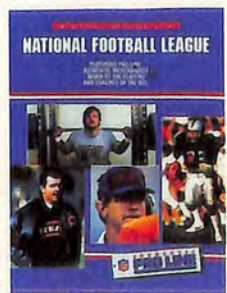


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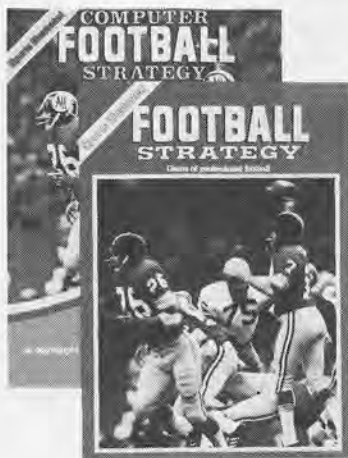
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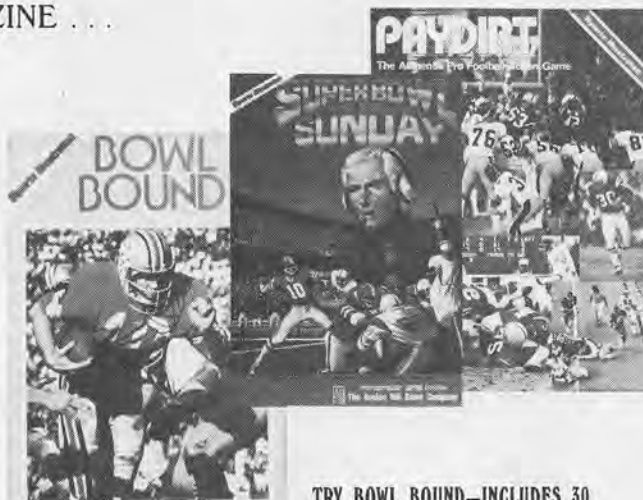
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By popular demand, London booked the Bears for a pre-season game August 3 against the Dallas Cowboys, perhaps to determine which is the real "America's Team." It will be the Bears' first appearance since their overwhelming 46-10 Super Bowl victory against the New England Patriots in a game seen by more people than ever before watched a television show (127 million). Six weeks later, a tape was played in China, and according to China Central Television, nearly 300 million Chinese cared enough to watch "The Giant Bear of Chicago." In 1986, the Bears can only hope to approach their remarkable 1985 victory tour. Only fantasy could better it. There are 27 other teams that would be only too happy with a simple, routine championship season.

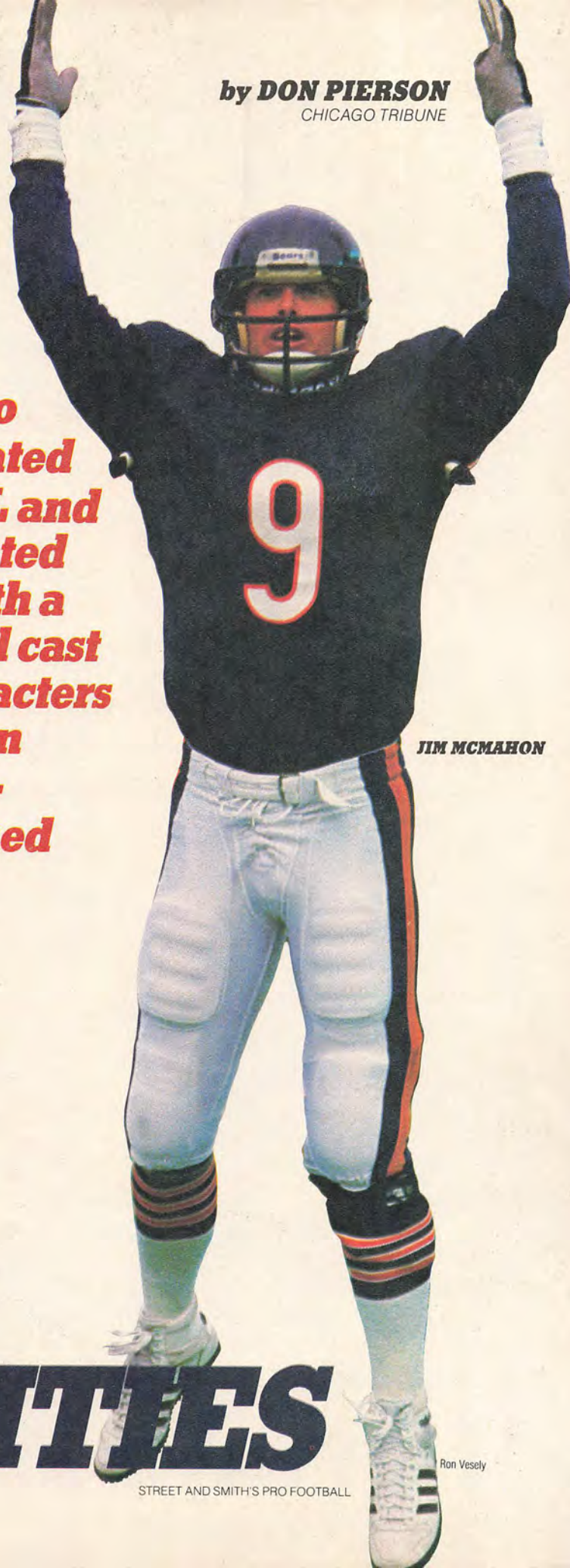
To go 18-1 is spectacular enough. To do it with as many characters as the Bears employed added greater interest to the story line. Just when William "the Refrigerator" Perry seemed to be the biggest Bear story of all, quarterback Jim McMahon turned Super Bowl week into his own personal headband trip. The great Payton was only a role player on the biggest stage of his life. The scramble for credit began the next day when coach Mike Ditka said McMahon surely deserved at least as much consideration for the game's most valuable player award as defensive end Richard Dent.

Did the Bears' awesome defense carry this team to victory? Or did the underrated offense deserve at least a mention? Both Ditka and defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan got carried off the field, leaving the question of relative importance to the imagination of 127 million viewers. Ryan soon carried the Bears' colorful, tough-talking banner to Philadelphia and Ditka made an American Express commercial. McMahon fulfilled a goal by gracing the cover of *Rolling Stone* and Perry nearly doubled his salary with one brief appearance in a pro wrestling ring. After Perry appeared in commercials for Kraft macaroni, Coca-Cola, and a local Pontiac dealer, teammate Dan Hampton quipped that a movie of Perry's young life would have to be titled "The Endorser." There was enough jealousy for everyone to overdose.

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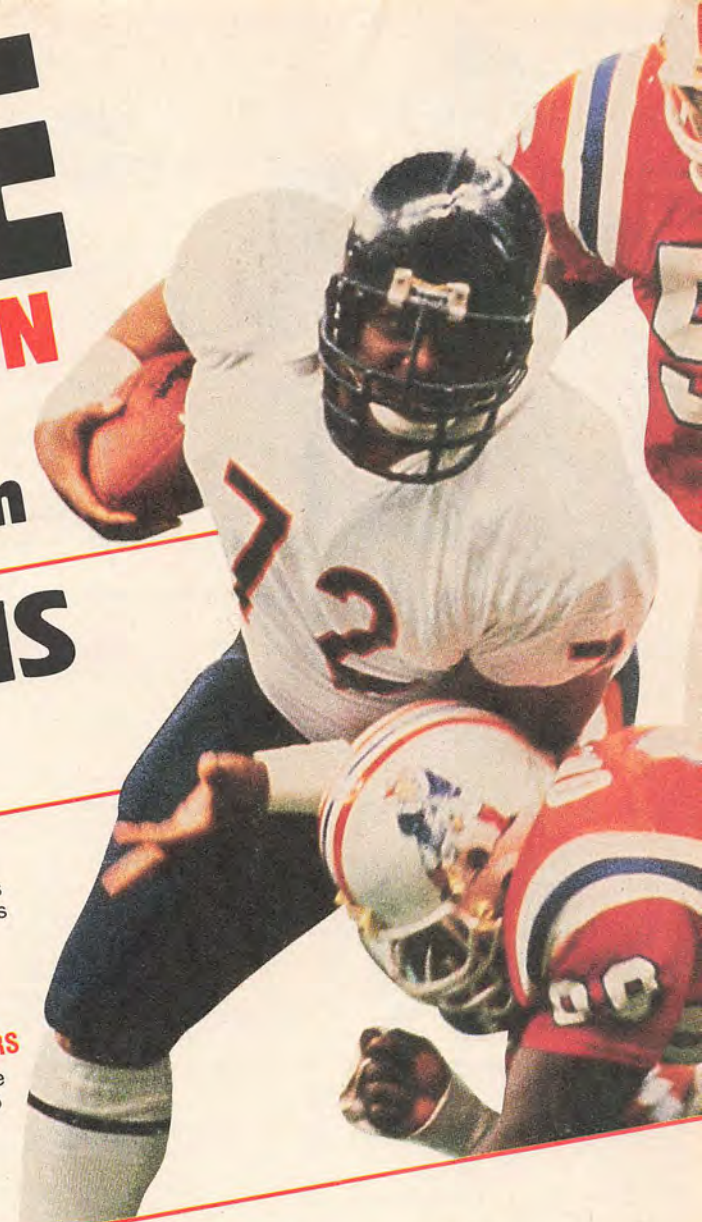
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There were other highlights in the National Football League in 1985.

For example, San Diego beat Pittsburgh, 54-44.

But was it football?

"To me, that's not football," said Ditka. The Bears grabbed the sport by the throat and nearly bent it out of shape.

They captivated an audience dulled by modern stereotypical coaches and players and won the old-fashioned way.

"We give no quarter and ask none," said Ditka. "We play a tough brand of football. When we play the Packers, you notice their players don't pick up anybody off the ground and ours don't pick any of theirs up. After the game you shake hands and say, 'Good job. I enjoyed playing. See you again in two weeks.' We went through a span in pro football when there was so much patting guys on the butt and picking them up that you wondered what was going on."

The Bears yanked football's violent roots, reminding its fans of exactly why helmets and shoulder pads are necessary. The fans bought it, literally and emotionally. NFL Films put out a 60-minute special tape on the Bears' season and said its sales would exceed all 105 NFL Films videotapes combined in 1985.

Unfortunately, fans also were harshly reminded of the toll of violence. One of the year's memorable sights was the slow-motion television replay of the broken leg suffered by Washington quarterback Joe Theismann. It was grim testimony to the sort of dangers that prevented a large number of quarterbacks from finishing the season because of injury. Green Bay's Lynn Dickey benched himself as a starter early in the season after admitting that he was flinching in the pocket. Kansas City's Bill Kenney felt great relief when he was relieved by Todd Blackledge for the final five games. "I guess I'm shell-shocked," said Kenney.

Another Monday night highlight was a throw, not by a quarterback but by a fan, in Denver. During a field-goal attempt, somebody heaved a snowball at San Francisco holder Matt Cavanaugh, who botched the placement in a one-point Denver victory. In 1986, the addition of instant replay as an aid to officiating might help eliminate such unfortunate incidents. After the Redskins beat the Oilers, 16-13, the league admitted that officials should have allowed two additional Oiler touchdowns. If replay can avoid that kind of embarrassment just once, it will be worth it.

The dreams of other teams and other places had a way of crashing into the Bears. New York City, with two good football teams, was fantasizing about an all-New Jersey Super Bowl until the Bears knocked off both of them. First, they kept the Jets from zeroing in on a division title. Then they ousted the Giants from the playoffs.

Los Angeles also had two good teams, but as soon as the Bears ousted the Rams and the Patriots got rid of the Raiders, southern Californians got their kicks by participating in a newspaper poll to determine the city's worst quarterback. The Rams' Dieter Brock edged the Raiders' Marc Wilson for the dubious distinction.

The Bears set a record by shutting out both the Giants (21-0) and Rams (24-0) in the playoffs. Then they increased the margin of victory against the Patriots. During the season, they humiliated the Cowboys (44-0) and Redskins (45-10). When the team that put the one blemish on their record, the Dolphins, failed to reach the Super Bowl for a rematch, the Bears took out whatever frustrations remained on the Pats.

No team has repeated a Super Bowl victory since the 1978-79 Pittsburgh Steelers. Many experts assume the Bears won't either, which wouldn't bother the fans in Chicago as much as it might in other cities. In Chicago, repeating isn't so important as remembering. If the Bears don't win again for 20 years, they still will be ahead of the last championship drought. Except for a lone soccer title, Chicago had not seen one of its professional sports team win anything since the 1963 Bears.

Ditka, who played on that 1963 Bears' title team under George Halas, has warned that he has yet to pay all his dues to Halas for hiring him in 1982 when nobody else would dare. "I would like the Bears to be the dominant team of the '80s," said Ditka. "I want them to be like the Packers of the '60s and the Steelers of the '70s."

If they are never dominant again, their 1985 performance alone will leave a legacy of mayhem that will not soon be forgotten. It was a season characterized by two Ditka tenets that he pounded into his players: "Put a chip on your shoulder," and, "Never be upstaged in anything you do in life." The Bears broke all the rules of etiquette and conventional wisdom. Commissioner Pete Rozelle smiled at the increased television ratings through clenched teeth. He said the Bears were fine with him, then he fined them for fighting, for knocking out quarterbacks, and for wearing headbands.

"I think the commissioner genuinely takes delight in the success of the Bears," said team president Michael McCaskey. "It's good for the league. At the same time, he would wish for us to do it in a little bit different way. He's smooth. He's very alert to public relations. That's the way he's conducted the NFL, and—let's be frank—that's part of what's contributed to the success of the NFL. We're not like that. We knock over the china."

The Bears won without signing two outstanding defensive players from 1984: free agents Todd Bell and Al Harris. Not only did they win without them, they won with a defense that accomplished some unprecedented things, such as holding 14 of 19 opponents to 10 points or less.

The lesson of Bell and Harris was not lost on owners trying to develop a correlation between winning and spending money. At a time when the golden goose of network television contracts appears to be dying, the owners cannot thank the Bears enough for demonstrating that one or two great (and expensive) players do not a great team make.

The Bears talked big and played bigger. By the third week of the season, when McMahon came off the bench and threw **continued**

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three quick touchdown passes to beat the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night national television, the Bears gave warning that they were something special.

On the sixth week, they traveled to San Francisco, the site of their embarrassing 1984 NFC title loss to the 49ers. Ditka simply told his team: "Get ready for a war." The 49ers had suggested after their 23-0 title win in 1984 that the Bears bring an offense next time. The Bears obliged, and their 26-10 victory left the 49ers with a record of 3-3 and definite signs that their 1984 season was destined to be a one-year fling.

By the eleventh week, the Bears went to Dallas with a rare opportunity to clinch the NFC Central Division title at 11-0. But they were playing with reserve quarterback Steve Fuller in place of the injured McMahon. No matter. After the 44-0 rout, Dallas coach Tom Landry and his players lamented that the Cowboys just hadn't played well. "We used that all year. We told our guys, 'You beat the Cowboys 44-0 and they still never said you were a good team,'" said Ditka.

By the thirteenth week, the 12-0 Bears took their show to Miami, where the Dolphins upset them to preserve their own record of a perfect 17-0 season in 1972. Ditka had two explanations: "We were outcoached, but did you see what our players were doing a couple hours before kickoff? They were out on the field with the Dolphin players patting each other on the butt." Nevertheless, the game was watched by the biggest Monday night football audience ever.

The absence of McMahon for three games and two other starts because of injury was a further sign of the times in the NFL. Few quarterbacks made it through the entire season unscathed, even though few play the position with the abandon of McMahon.

"I don't like all the rules about you can't hit the quarterback," said McMahon. "Better not play this game if you don't want to get hit. This isn't a game for timid people."

Indeed, it took Ditka most of the season to convince his daredevil to take advantage of the new rule that was supposed to allow quarterbacks who slid feet first immunity from being hit. Shortly after McMahon complied, he claimed he was speared in the playoff game against the Rams after a slide. He suffered the bruised rear end that became so famous during Super Bowl week.

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As wild cards in the playoffs, they went to New York and beat the Jets, to Los Angeles and

beat the Raiders, to Miami and beat the Dolphins. Then, only one day following their dead-end trip to New Orleans, they were exposed for harboring drug problems that dulled the luster and provided evidence that all is not well in the land of Rozelle. It was only a prelude of things to come in a sport not insulated from society's wars.

Rozelle vowed to get tough on drugs. No other approach seemed acceptable after the tentacles of drugs grabbed one of the game's superstars, the Giants' Lawrence Taylor, and threatened to implicate the innocent as much as the guilty. "I view it as a darn serious economic problem, a problem that can directly, in time, affect the income that comes into the NFL," said Rozelle.

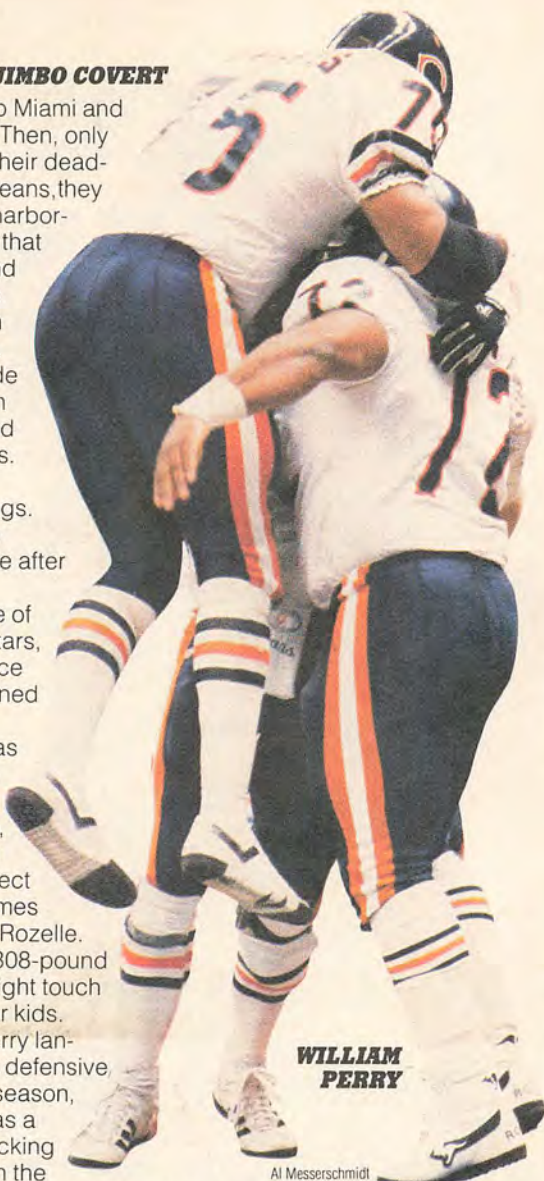
It was left to the 308-pound Perry to provide a light touch in a game meant for kids. When Ditka saw Perry languishing on Ryan's defensive bench early in the season, he unleashed him as a ball carrier and blocking back for Payton. On the Monday night of October 21, Perry pounded his way into the nation's consciousness by blocking Green Bay linebacker George Cumby into virtual unconsciousness. Two weeks later, Ditka had McMahon throw a touchdown pass to Perry. The gleeful call of radio broadcaster and former Bears' great Dick Butkus ("He's open! He's open!") will live in highlight hysteria forever. Against Dallas, Perry was penalized for trying to pick up Payton and shot put him across the goal line. In the Super Bowl, Ditka called for Perry to throw a pass, but Perry didn't let go because the receiver was covered.

"I told you he was a good athlete," said Ditka. "The hilarious thing about the Perry thing is it's kind of busted this staid image in the NFL that all running backs are slender, six-foot tall, between 185 and 215 and built. This has made a farce out of that. Every underdog in society relates to Perry."

The Bears busted more than one image in 1985 on their way from underdog to top dog. Every dog has its day. Ditka wants a decade. Before the Thursday night game in Minnesota, Vikings' coach Bud Grant was chastising TV personnel for failing to show the exceptionally patriotic behavior of his team during the national anthem. He wanted everybody to see how his players stood at attention with their helmets under their right arms. Ditka seized the occasion like a Marine on Iwo Jima. In his pre-game speech, he told the Bears to hold their helmets in their left arms and, when the music started, to slap their right hands over their hearts.

"Never be upstaged in anything you do in life," he said.

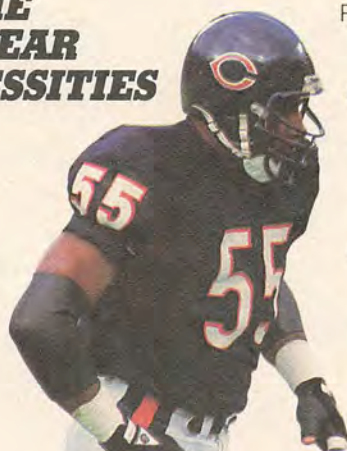
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The Stars, who played in Philadelphia during the franchise's first two years, started slowly in '85, winning just five of their first 12 games. But they recovered to win three of their final four regular-season contests to gain fourth place in the Eastern Division and qualify for the last playoff berth. In the first round, they defeated the New Jersey Generals, 20-17, then advanced to the title game with a 28-14 upset of the Birmingham Stallions.

The USFL plans a new look for its 1986 campaign. Eight of last year's 14 teams remain, and they have been realigned into two divisions, the Liberty (Baltimore, Birmingham, New Jersey, and the Memphis Showboats) and the Independence (the Arizona Outlaws, Jacksonville Bulls, Orlando Renegades, and Tampa Bay Bandits). The schedule will consist of 18 games with the two division winners and three wild cards qualifying for the playoffs. The title game will be played in Jacksonville, FL.

The biggest change for the league involves the shift from a spring to a fall schedule, which will put it in direct competition with the National Football League. Whether the USFL does take the playing field this September will depend on the outcome of a trial in U.S. District Court in New York City this summer. As of our press date, the trial was in progress. But first some background information.

On May 11, 1982, the United States Football League was formally introduced at a press conference in New York. Twelve teams would comprise the league, which would begin play in the spring of '83. Later that same month, the USFL and ABC Sports reached an agreement on a national television contract. (ABC did televise games in the league's first three seasons, all in the spring and summer.)

On August 22, 1984, the owners of the USFL franchises announced plans to shift their league's playing schedule to the fall of 1986, following a third spring season in '85.

On October 17, 1984, the USFL filed a \$1.32 billion antitrust lawsuit against the National Football League, charging that the NFL engaged in monopolistic acts and practices. The USFL claimed that the NFL's contracts with ABC, CBS, and NBC had made it impossible for it to obtain a network television contract for its first fall season, and that the NFL had exerted pressure on the three major networks not to negotiate with the USFL.

The NFL has denied the charges and contends that the suit is an attempt by the USFL to force a merger (it was revealed in court that in USFL commissioner Harry Usher's contract is a provision that he receive \$400,000 for each USFL team absorbed into the NFL in a merger) and thus help the USFL to recover from its financial losses. The NFL claims that those losses were self-inflicted, brought about by the USFL's failure to adhere to its original concept: namely, a league of competitive though lesser (and lesser-priced) talents which would provide an exciting game to those fans for whom, apparently, five months of football was inadequate.

Attorney Harvey Myerson presented "smoking guns," that is, evidence he believed supported the USFL charges. On February 29, 1984, Harvard professor Michael Porter conducted a seminar titled "How to Conquer the USFL," which was arranged by the National Football League Management Council for a group of NFL executives. But Porter said the purpose of the seminar was not to conquer but to recommend ideas on how to deal with the new league. A letter from NFL counsel Jay Moyer on March 13 of that same year to Jack Donlan, the executive director of the Management Council, stated that the Porter presentation "offers approaches that are largely impractical or legally impermissible." And NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle rejected the idea of letting Porter address the owners of the league teams when they convened.

Myerson also introduced a memo, dated August 4, 1983, from Donlan on "Spending the USFL Dollar," which instructed his staff members to investigate the contracts of USFL players and perhaps look into the possibility of offering higher NFL pacts to some of them, thereby forcing the USFL to match or increase the NFL's price in order to keep those players.

At issue then is this: Did the NFL prevent the USFL from getting a network contract television for the fall, or were the networks simply not interested in the USFL product?

The NFL points to its contracts with CBS and NBC, which televise games on Sunday afternoons. Accordingly, that would leave any other days or nights available for USFL games, or other entertainment, to be picked up. There is also the NFL contract with ABC, which televises games on Monday (and selected Sunday and Thursday) nights. Likewise, any other days and nights would then be available for other programming. In pretrial depositions, Jim Spence, the former vice president of sports at ABC, and Neal Pilson, the vice president of sports at CBS, denied that the NFL put pressure on them not to televise USFL contests. They said their decisions were made for economic reasons.

In his opening statement, Myerson asked the six-member jury to keep in mind during the trial the name of Austrian writer Franz Kafka, who, he said, "wrote that people look at things and say the opposite."

For the United States Football League to survive, it will take a major metamorphosis of its current condition. It will take a victory in the trial.

FALL BACK

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE 1986

Sunday, September 7

Atlanta at New Orleans
Cincinnati at Kansas City
Cleveland at Chicago
Detroit at Minnesota
Houston at Green Bay
Indianapolis at New England
L.A. Raiders at Denver
L.A. Rams at St. Louis
Miami at San Diego
New York Jets at Buffalo
Philadelphia at Washington
Pittsburgh at Seattle
San Francisco at Tampa Bay

Monday, September 8

New York Giants at Dallas (N)

Thursday, September 11

New England at New York Jets (N)

Sunday, September 14

Buffalo at Cincinnati
Cleveland at Houston
Dallas at Detroit
Green Bay at New Orleans
Indianapolis at Miami
Kansas City at Seattle
L.A. Raiders at Washington
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
Philadelphia at Chicago
St. Louis at Atlanta
San Diego at New York Giants
San Francisco at L.A. Rams

Monday, September 15

Denver at Pittsburgh (N)

Thursday, September 18

Cincinnati at Cleveland (N)

Sunday, September 21

Atlanta at Dallas
Denver at Philadelphia
Houston at Kansas City
Los Angeles Rams at Indianapolis
Miami at New York Jets
New Orleans at San Francisco
New York Giants at L.A. Raiders
Pittsburgh at Minnesota
St. Louis at Buffalo
Seattle at New England
Tampa Bay at Detroit
Washington at San Diego

Monday, September 22

Chicago at Green Bay (N)

Sunday, September 28

Atlanta at Tampa Bay
Chicago at Cincinnati
Detroit at Cleveland
Green Bay at Minnesota
Kansas City at Buffalo
L.A. Rams at Philadelphia
New England at Denver
New Orleans at New York Giants

New York Jets at Indianapolis
Pittsburgh at Houston
San Diego at L.A. Raiders
San Francisco at Miami
Seattle at Washington

Monday, September 29

Dallas at St. Louis (N)

Sunday, October 5

Buffalo at New York Jets
Cincinnati vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Dallas at Denver
Houston at Detroit
Indianapolis at San Francisco
L.A. Raiders at Kansas City
Miami at New England
Minnesota at Chicago
New York Giants at St. Louis
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams
Washington at New Orleans

Monday, October 6

San Diego at Seattle (N)

Sunday, October 12

Buffalo at Miami
Chicago at Houston
Denver at San Diego
Detroit at Green Bay
Kansas City at Cleveland
L.A. Rams at Atlanta
Minnesota at San Francisco
New Orleans at Indianapolis
New York Jets at New England
Philadelphia at New York Giants
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
Seattle at L.A. Raiders
Washington at Dallas

Monday, October 13

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (N)

Sunday, October 19

Chicago at Minnesota
Dallas at Philadelphia
Detroit at L.A. Rams
Green Bay at Cleveland
Houston at Cincinnati
Indianapolis at Buffalo
L.A. Raiders at Miami
New England at Pittsburgh
New York Giants at Seattle
St. Louis at Washington
San Diego at Kansas City
San Francisco at Atlanta
Tampa Bay at New Orleans

Monday, October 20

Denver at New York Jets (N)

Sunday, October 26

Atlanta at L.A. Rams
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Cleveland at Minnesota
Detroit at Chicago
L.A. Raiders at Houston
Miami at Indianapolis
New England at Buffalo
New Orleans at New York Jets
St. Louis at Dallas
San Diego at Philadelphia
San Francisco vs. Green Bay (Milw.)
Seattle at Denver
Tampa Bay at Kansas City

Monday, October 27

Washington at New York Giants (N)

Sunday, November 2

Atlanta at New England
Buffalo at Tampa Bay
Cincinnati at Detroit
Cleveland at Indianapolis
Dallas at New York Giants
Denver at L.A. Raiders
Green Bay at Pittsburgh
Houston at Miami
Kansas City at San Diego
Minnesota at Washington
New York Jets at Seattle
Philadelphia at St. Louis
San Francisco at New Orleans

Monday, November 3

L.A. Rams at Chicago (N)

Sunday, November 9

Chicago at Tampa Bay
Cincinnati at Houston
L.A. Raiders at Dallas
L.A. Rams at New Orleans
Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Indianapolis
New York Giants at Philadelphia
New York Jets at Atlanta
Pittsburgh at Buffalo
St. Louis at San Francisco
San Diego at Denver
Seattle at Kansas City
Washington at Green Bay

Monday, November 10

Miami at Cleveland (N)

Sunday, November 16

Chicago at Atlanta
Cleveland at L.A. Raiders
Dallas at San Diego
Detroit at Philadelphia
Houston at Pittsburgh
Indianapolis at New York Jets
Kansas City at Denver
New England at L.A. Rams
Miami at Buffalo
New York Giants at Minnesota
New Orleans at St. Louis
Seattle at Cincinnati
Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay (Milw.)

Monday, November 17

San Francisco at Washington (N)

Thursday, November 20

L.A. Raiders at San Diego (N)

Sunday, November 23

Atlanta at San Francisco
Buffalo at New England
Dallas at Washington
Denver at New York Giants
Detroit at Tampa Bay
Green Bay at Chicago
Indianapolis at Houston
Kansas City at St. Louis
Minnesota at Cincinnati
New Orleans at L.A. Rams
Philadelphia at Seattle
Pittsburgh at Cleveland

Monday, November 24

New York Jets at Miami (N)

Thursday, November 27

Green Bay at Detroit
Seattle at Dallas

Sunday, November 30

Atlanta at Miami
Buffalo at Kansas City
Cincinnati at Denver
Houston at Cleveland
L.A. Rams at New York Jets
New England at New Orleans
Philadelphia at L.A. Raiders
Pittsburgh at Chicago
San Diego at Indianapolis
Tampa Bay at Minnesota
Washington at St. Louis

Monday, December 1

New York Giants
at San Francisco (N)

Sunday, December 7

Cincinnati at New England
Cleveland at Buffalo
Dallas at L.A. Rams (N)
Denver at Kansas City
Detroit at Pittsburgh
Houston at San Diego
Indianapolis at Atlanta
Miami at New Orleans
Minnesota at Green Bay
New York Giants at Washington
New York Jets at San Francisco
St. Louis at Philadelphia
Tampa Bay at Chicago

Monday, December 8

L.A. Raiders at Seattle (N)

Saturday, December 13

Pittsburgh at New York Jets
Washington at Denver

Sunday, December 14

Buffalo at Indianapolis
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at L.A. Raiders
Miami at L.A. Rams
Minnesota at Houston
New Orleans at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Dallas
St. Louis at New York Giants
San Francisco at New England
Seattle at San Diego

Monday, December 15

Chicago at Detroit (N)

Friday, December 19

L.A. Rams at San Francisco (N)

Saturday, December 20

Denver at Seattle
Green Bay at New York Giants

Sunday, December 21

Atlanta at Detroit
Buffalo at Houston
Chicago at Dallas
Indianapolis at L.A. Raiders
Kansas City at Pittsburgh
New Orleans at Minnesota
New York Jets at Cincinnati
San Diego at Cleveland
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Washington at Philadelphia

Monday, December 22

New England at Miami (N)

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Now that one team from each NFC division has won a Super Bowl in the last four years, does the balance of power drift back to the AFC? Not if Chicago coach Mike Ditka has anything to say about it.

"We want to be the dominant team of the 80s," he said. Ditka has plenty to say about a lot of things and his team chimed in last year with a 15-1 record that needed no verbal accompaniment. But as the 49ers proved, a 15-1 record one year doesn't guarantee success the next.

Until someone else proves differently, the 49ers and the Raiders of the AFC remain tied as the "dominant teams of the 80s." The 49ers won Super Bowls after the 1981 and 1984 seasons and the Raiders won after the 1980 and 1983 seasons. The Redskins (1982) and Bears (1985) lag behind in the dominance derby.

Ditka takes offense at the notion that teams cannot repeat Super Bowl victories or even Super Bowl trips. "There were teams that repeated," he said. "They were called the Packers and Steelers and Dolphins. I want the Bears to be like the Packers of the 60s or the Steelers of the 70s."

That is not to say that Ditka believes he has a dynasty by virtue of one 15-1 season. True, it was only the second 15-1 season in NFL history, but it also was the second 15-1 season in two years. "Dynasty? That's a show on TV. That's a



multiple fronts and multiple coverages and putting people in the right places. But what it boils down to is: 'Take the son of a gun away from them as fast as you can,' said Ryan. The defense reflected an attitude that permeated the entire team. That came from Ditka: ask no quarter; give no quarter.

"They were such a spirited team," said new Minnesota Vikings' coach Jerry Burns. "Their '46' defense was a little bit different, but if I were to adopt any one philosophy, it would be to get the type of play Walter Payton has shown for the last 11 years. To run and block the way Payton does with the enthusiasm he shows every week is remarkable. The whole team played hard all the time. Just watch them warm up."

Ditka's other NFC Central rivals agreed.

"The trend all of us would like is some of the Bear players," said Detroit coach Darryl Rogers. "Then we would let them line up and go anywhere they want to go. The trend is they've done an excellent job in 10 years building their franchise."

Green Bay's Forrest Gregg echoed Rogers: "It doesn't make any difference what the defense lines up in as long as the personnel is there. And it's not just defense or defensive personnel, it was the offense that everybody overlooked. Their offensive line did a great job."

The Bears also possessed the one ingredient common to all Super Bowl champions: good health. They lost quarterback Jim McMahon for a brief period midway through the year. But unlike the 1984 season, McMahon came back in plenty of time for the playoffs. It was not a foregone conclusion. McMahon had a mysterious shoulder ailment that so baffled the Bears' doctors that they scheduled him for exploratory surgery before deciding to wait for a cortisone injection to work. "When you think of things like that, you have to believe someone was watching over us," said Ditka.

Can anyone challenge the Bears? Last year's rhetorical question was: can anyone challenge the 49ers?

THE WEST A fast start is vital to anyone hoping to be alive in the end. Last year, the Rams started out 7-0 while the 49ers struggled to 3-4. This year, both teams have to play three of their first four games on the road. The Rams get the 49ers at home during that stretch, but they must break the jinx held over them by 49er quarterback Joe Montana. Will

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world of fantasy. We live in the real world. The word is not dynasty, it's dedication," said Ditka.

The Bears won so convincingly by following Ditka's orders to "Put a chip on your shoulder and don't let anyone knock it off." Not even their record-breaking Super Bowl victory could soften Ditka's posture. Less than 24 hours after his team slaughtered the New England Patriots, 46-10, Ditka was ranting to the press about lack of respect. He scoffed at the attention the Patriots had received for getting 16 turnovers during their three road victories leading to the Super Bowl.

"All of a sudden you forget we led the NFL in turnover ratio all season," said Ditka. Ditka questioned the media for making defensive end Richard Dent the game's MVP instead of quarterback Jim McMahon. Instead of savoring his finest hour, the coach of the world champions was defiant, feisty.

The Bears' style of play was characterized by a defense that attacked with practically no regard for situation. Intriguingly devised by coordinator Buddy Ryan, there was nothing complicated at all about its intention. "You could go into a lot of good philosophy that everybody likes to hear about



the Rams have their own quarterback dilemma solved by the second week of the season? Will coach John Robinson stick with Dieter Brock or toss yet another veteran castoff, Steve Bartkowski, to the war?

The Falcons and Saints open their season in Atlanta to see which might dominate the "second division" of the West. Neither club seems ready to awaken from hibernation, as one look at their respective quarterback situations should tell. Will the Falcons go with David Archer or Turk Schonert? Will the Saints go with Bobby Hebert, Dave Wilson, or Richard Todd? Furthermore, will any of those decisions matter?

THE EAST There are more contenders than pretenders here. By the time they get through with each other and with the AFC West, they may not want to go to the playoffs.

The Giants drafted six straight defensive players to add to the No. 2 defense in the league. If that sounds funny, opposing offensive coordinators aren't laughing. The Giants may end up turning a great defense into an impenetrable one.

The Cowboys are the Cowboys as long as Tom Landry is Tom Landry. How do they win and win and win? After seeing the 49ers trade and jump ahead of them in the 1985 draft for receiver Jerry Rice, the Cowboys traded and jumped ahead of the Giants this year to take receiver Mike Sherrard. They hope Sherrard can get past all those Giant defenders.

The Redskins can win it if quarterback Jay Schroeder is as real as he looked when he replaced Joe Theismann. But it won't be as much fun without John Riggins.

The Eagles will fly for Ryan someday, but nobody in the NFC has a tougher schedule. After opening at Washington and at Chicago, they get to face the Broncos and Rams at home. The Bears' game will be interesting at least.

The Cardinals could win it all, too, but they had their chance last year and finished 5-11. Teams are only allowed to fool the experts once every decade.

THE CENTRAL As long as quarterback McMahon is healthy, the Bears will be contenders. Their rivals call them overwhelming favorites, but McMahon is the key. They have great personnel on defense regardless of system and they still have Walter Payton and Willie Gault on offense—all nicely complementing McMahon.

If the Lions find a way to win on the road—any road, any team—they could push the Bears. Last year, they were 6-2 at home, 1-7 away. If they can't win outside the Silverdome, No. 1 draft choice Chuck Long will begin his career earlier than Eric Hipple planned.

Bo Jackson isn't the only player the Tampa Bay Buccaneers added to help them turn around their 2-14 season, but he may be all they need. James Wilder was tough enough to defense. If coach Leeman Bennett can't find a way to get both Wilder and Jackson on the field at the same time, he should seek counsel.

The Vikings, as noted, have a new coach, Jerry Burns, who has been around for so many years nothing is likely to change. Already, the offensive-minded Burns has conceded that defense is the first building block. He drafted another pass rusher, Auburn's Gerald Robinson.

The Packers have more question marks than their rivals do. Does Lynn Dickey really want to play quarterback this year? Will he change his mind?

The NFC had six of the top eight rushers in the league last year, indicating it remains the conference that prefers the run to the pass. While that may be oversimplification, the addition of Jackson to the Bucs, Keith Byars to the Eagles, Neal Anderson to the Bears, Garry James to the Lions, and Kenneth Davis to the Packers should keep the ball on the ground where Gerald Riggs of the Falcons, Payton of the Bears, Joe Morris of the Giants, Tony Dorsett of the Cowboys, Wilder of the Bucs, and Eric Dickerson of the Rams already have beaten a pretty good path.

1986 ALL-NFC TEAM

OFFENSE

WR—Mike Quick, Philadelphia
WR—Roy Green, St. Louis
TE—Doug Cosbie, Dallas
T—Jimbo Covert, Chicago
T—Lomas Brown, Detroit
G—Bill Fralic, Atlanta
G—Sean Farrell, Tampa Bay
C—Jay Hilgenberg, Chicago
RB—Bo Jackson, Tampa Bay
RB—Roger Craig, San Francisco
QB—Jim McMahon, Chicago
PK—Morten Andersen, New Orleans

DEFENSE

E—Richard Dent, Chicago
E—Leonard Marshall, New York
T—Dan Hampton, Chicago
T—Reggie White, Philadelphia
LB—Wilber Marshall, Chicago
LB—Jim Collins, Los Angeles
LB—Mike Singletary, Chicago
LB—Otis Wilson, Chicago
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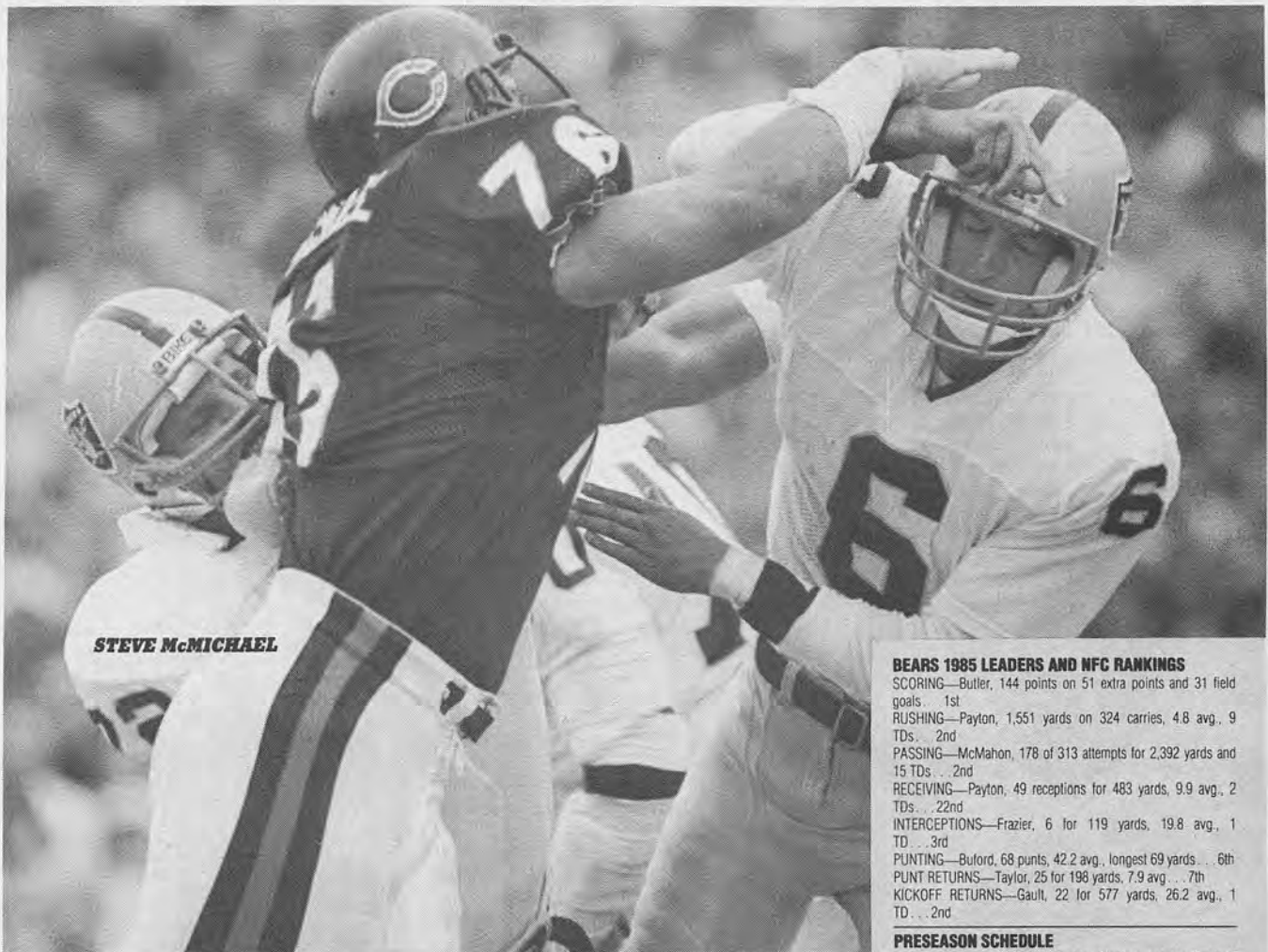
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CHICAGO BEARS

The question most asked about the world champion Chicago Bears is whether coach Mike Ditka can win without defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan. It is a fair question, because the Bears stunned pro football last year with one of the most overwhelming defenses in history. It was designed and engineered by Ryan, who got the credit and didn't mind taking it all the way to Philadelphia. The question, however, is no more valid than its inverse: can Ryan win without Ditka?

"The one thing that excited me most about our year was we were completely underrated on offense. We were as good as anybody," said Ditka, who coaches the offense.

More than ego is involved here. The Bears operated with Ryan's system for eight years and didn't win the Super Bowl until the offense caught up. Ditka likes to point out that it was the No. 1 rushing attack in football that helped keep the No. 1 defense off the field. And it was the performance of quarterback Jim McMahon that allowed Walter Payton to accomplish more than run his head up against a wall of frustrating losses. And it was the speed of receiver Willie Gault that opened it up for both McMahon and Payton. That is why Ditka

thought McMahon should have been the most valuable player in the Super Bowl instead of defensive end Richard Dent.

Scary, isn't it? The Bears are so good that they argue among themselves about who should be most valuable in the Super Bowl. When Ditka called on William "The Refrigerator" Perry to score a touchdown before Payton, Walter reacted with an uncharacteristic pout. Some teammates didn't blame him.

The Bears have nowhere to go but down. Even their special teams, maligned for allowing too many long kickoff returns, finished first in the league in overall ranking. Furthermore, the Bears are the youngest team in the NFL. Their only potential weakness lies in the attitude of their stars. It also may have something to do with the stars up above, or whatever forces of nature keep a team healthy.

Ryan himself admits the Bears will do fine without him. "They have good athletes and they want to win," he said.

McMahon is the key, of course. For ages, Chicagoans were told that the quarterback is just another player, a mere cog in the machine. That was when the Bears employed quarterbacks who were just mere cogs. With

BEARS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Butler, 144 points on 51 extra points and 31 field goals. 1st
RUSHING—Payton, 1,551 yards on 324 carries, 4.8 avg., 9 TDs. 2nd
PASSING—McMahon, 178 of 313 attempts for 2,392 yards and 15 TDs. 2nd
RECEIVING—Payton, 49 receptions for 483 yards, 9.9 avg., 2 TDs. 22nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Frazier, 6 for 119 yards, 19.8 avg., 1 TD. 3rd
PUNTING—Buford, 68 punts, 42.2 avg., longest 69 yards. 6th
PUNT RETURNS—Taylor, 25 for 198 yards, 7.9 avg. 7th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Gault, 22 for 577 yards, 26.2 avg., 1 TD. 2nd

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	22 At Green Bay (N)	16-10
	28 At Cincinnati	—
October	5 MINNESOTA	27-9
	12 At Houston	—
	19 At Minnesota	33-24
	26 DETROIT	24-3
November	3 LOS ANGELES RAM (N)	—
	9 At Tampa Bay	27-19
	16 At Atlanta	36-0
	23 GREEN BAY	23-7
	30 PITTSBURGH	—
December	7 TAMPA BAY	38-28
	15 At Detroit (N)	37-17
	21 At Dallas	44-0

McMahon, the Bears have won 26 of the last 30 games he has started. That is the only statistic necessary to extol him.

Gault developed steadily in his third season to provide the reliable deep threat that made the offense so dangerous. Even though he caught only 33 passes, Gault's average of 21.3 yards a catch forced defenses to pay attention to wherever he lined up. Ditka has a

problem on the opposite side, however, because Dennis McKinnon could miss the entire season recovering from knee surgery. Ken Margerum will get first shot at the job, and the Bears drafted Illinois' productive David Williams in the third round. They also moved running back Dennis Gentry to receiver. Ditka wants better blocking from his tight ends, but Emery Moorehead and Tim Wrightman got the job done in receiving and blocking.

The Bears' strength was revealed in the draft, when they passed up immediate needs at receiver and cornerback to take running back Neal Anderson of Florida. With the amazing Payton showing no sign of slowing down entering his 12th season, there was no great need to take Anderson. But Payton has allowed the Bears the unique luxury of ignoring running backs high in the draft since 1975, so they took one when they had the chance—out of convenience rather than necessity. Ditka has no plans to play Anderson and Payton in the same backfield, to the relief of fullbacks Matt Suhey and Calvin Thomas.

The offensive line is young and good, anchored by all-pro left tackle Jimbo Covert and all-pro center Jay Hilgenberg. Right tackle Keith Van Horne and right guard Tom Thayer are potential all-pros and left guard Mark Bortz is still improving after only two years on

offense. Kurt Becker, Andy Frederick, Tom Andrews, and Stefan Humphries provide reserve strength.

The new defensive coordinator with the unenviable task of filling Ryan's shoes is Vince Tobin, who began by tossing the old playbook. "He doesn't want to be Buddy Ryan. He wants to be Vince Tobin," said Ditka. The quiet Tobin, brother of Bears' personnel director Bill, agrees with Ditka that players are more important than systems. There may be remnants of Ryan's defense in Tobin's plans, but Ditka said the "46" per se is passé. "It will be called whatever Vince Tobin wants to call it," said Ditka.

Tobin will incorporate more three-man fronts and zone coverages than Ryan used, but both Tobin and Ditka promise to keep the aggressiveness that made the Bears so effective. Dent has led the NFC in sacks for two years, but he is unhappy with his contract status. In a 3-4 he could play linebacker, but Tobin has trouble envisioning Dent backing up instead of rushing forward. The Bears ended up with a front four of Dan Hampton, Steve McMichael, Perry, and Dent—left to right—although Hampton moved over the nose in the "46" to put more immediate pressure on the passer. Tyrone Keys, Mike Hartenstine, and Henry Waechter are experienced backups.

"Richard Dent had an all-universe year and Dan Hampton probably finished the season as strong as anybody on our team," said Ditka. "Steve McMichael probably played as steady as anybody on the team. I'd like to see Perry come in at around 290-295. I think you might see something awesome as both a defensive lineman and fullback."

Yes, Ditka plans to keep Perry at the running back position that turned him into an international celebrity as a rookie. Ditka said there is only one reason: "He is the best short yardage fullback in the country."

The Bears think they have three all-pro linebackers, not just two. Middle linebacker Mike Singletary and left backer Otis Wilson both went to the Pro Bowl. But right starter Wilber Marshall played as well on most occasions. In the 3-4 the Bears will sometimes stand up Perry as an inside linebacker.

The Bears drafted cornerback Vestee Jackson of Washington in the second round to help fill the void left by Leslie Frazier, who suffered a knee injury in the Super Bowl and will miss the entire season. Jackson will challenge last year's second-round draft choice, Reggie Phillips, and second-year free agent Ken Taylor for Frazier's job on the right side. Left cornerback Mike Richardson is coming off a solid year. Strong safety Dave Duerson surprised himself by making the Pro Bowl in his first season as a starter. Free safety Gary Fencik should have made the Pro Bowl. The Bears have a depth problem at safety, with Shaun Gayle the only veteran. He will help back up at cornerback too.

The Bears didn't need a place-kicker last year because their closest win was by a margin of six points. But rookie Kevin Butler showed he has the ability to produce if ever called upon in a clutch situation. Maury Buford punted well and will get good competition from ninth-round draft choice John Teltschik of Texas. Gault is a dangerous kickoff-return man. The Bears drafted little Lew Barnes of Oregon to put more firepower into punt returns. More firepower is all the Bears need.



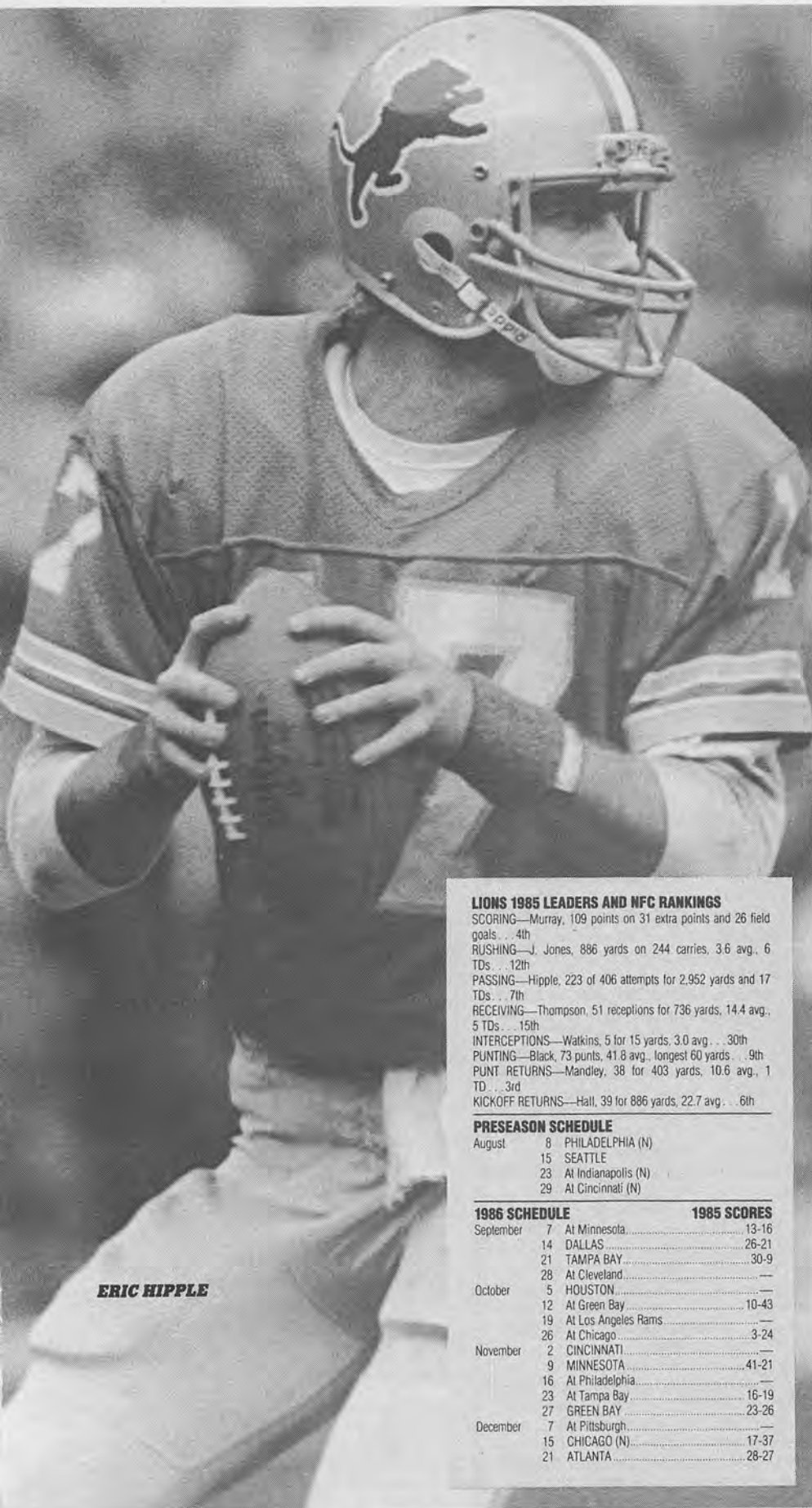
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no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
86	Anderson, Brad	WR	6-2	198	25	3	Arizona
60	Andrews, Tom	C	6-4	267	25	3	Louisville
84	Baschnagel, Brian	WR	5-11	193	32	10	Ohio State
25	Bell, Todd	S	6-1	205	28	5	Ohio State
79	Becker, Kurt	G	6-5	270	28	4	Michigan
62	Bortz, Mark	G	6-6	269	25	4	Iowa
8	Buford, Maury	P	6-1	191	26	2	Texas Tech
6	Butler, Kevin	K	6-1	204	24	1	Georgia
54	Cabral, Brian	LB	6-1	227	30	7	Colorado
74	Covert, Jim	T	6-4	271	26	4	Pittsburgh
95	Dent, Richard	DE	6-5	263	26	4	Tenn. State
22	Duerson, Dave	S	6-1	203	26	4	Notre Dame
88	Dunsmore, Pat	TE	6-3	237	27	3	Drake
45	Fencik, Gary	S	6-1	196	32	11	Yale
21	Frazier, Leslie	CB	6-0	187	27	6	Alcorn State
71	Frederick, Andy	T	6-6	265	32	10	New Mexico
4	Fuller, Steve	QB	6-4	195	29	8	Clemson
83	Gault, Willie	WR	6-1	183	26	4	Tennessee
23	Gayle, Shaun	CB	5-11	193	24	3	Ohio State
29	Gentry, Dennis	RB	5-8	181	31	5	Baylor
99	Hampton, Dan	DT	6-5	267	29	8	Arkansas
90	Harris, Al	LB	6-5	253	30	7	Arizona St.
73	Hartenstine, Mike	DE	6-3	254	33	12	Penn. State
63	Hilgenberg, Jay	C	6-3	258	27	6	Iowa
75	Humphries, Stefan	G	6-3	263	24	3	Michigan
98	Keys, Tyrone	DE	6-7	267	27	4	Miss. State
89	Krenk, Mitch	TE	6-2	233	27	2	Nebraska
82	Margerum, Ken	WR	6-0	180	28	5	Stanford
58	Marshall, Wilber	LB	6-1	225	24	3	Florida
81	Maness, James	WR	6-1	174	23	2	TCU
85	McKinnon, Dennis	WR	6-1	185	25	4	Florida St.
9	McMahon, Jim	QB	6-1	190	27	5	BYU
76	McMichael, Steve	DT	6-2	260	29	7	Texas
87	Moorehead, Emery	TE	6-2	220	32	10	Colorado
51	Morrissey, Jim	LB	6-3	215	24	2	Michigan St.
89	Ortego, Keith	WR	6-0	180	23	2	McNeese St.
34	Payton, Walter	RB	5-10	202	32	12	Jackson St.
72	Perry, William	DT	6-2	308	24	2	Clemson
48	Phillips, Reggie	DB	5-10	170	26	2	S. Methodist
53	Pains, Dan	LB	6-1	229	30	3	Cincinnati
27	Richardson, Mike	CB	6-0	188	25	4	Arizona St.
59	Rivera, Ron	LB	6-3	239	24	3	California
20	Sanders, Thomas	RB	5-11	203	24	1	Texas A&M
50	Singletary, Mike	LB	6-0	228	28	6	Baylor
26	Suhey, Matt	FB	5-11	216	28	7	Penn. State
31	Taylor, Ken	CB	6-1	185	23	2	Oregon St.
57	Thayer, Tom	G/C	6-4	261	25	2	Notre Dame
33	Thomas, Calvin	FB	5-11	245	26	5	Illinois
52	Thrift, Cliff	LB	6-1	230	30	8	East Central
18	Tomczak, Mike	QB	6-1	195	24	2	Ohio State
78	Van Horne, Keith	T	6-6	280	29	6	USC
70	Waechter, Henry	DT	6-5	275	27	5	Nebraska
55	Wilson, Otis	LB	6-2	232	29	7	Louisville
80	Wrightman, Tim	TE	6-3	237	26	2	UCLA

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Anderson, Neal	RB	5-11	210	Florida
2	Jackson, Vestee	DB	5-11	198	Washington
3	Williams, David	WR	6-3	187	Illinois
4	Blair, Paul	OT	6-3	270	Oklahoma St.
5	Barnes, Lew	WR	5-8	163	Oregon
6	Powell, Jeff	RB	5-10	170	Tennessee
7	Jones, Bruce	DB	6-1	195	N. Alabama
8	Douglass, Maurice	DB	5-11	200	Kentucky
9	Teltschik, John	P	6-1	207	Texas
10	Hundley, Barton	DB	5-11	187	Kansas St.
11	Kozlowski, Glen	WR	6-1	193	Brigham Young





ERIC HIPPLE

LIONS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Murray, 109 points on 31 extra points and 26 field goals... 4th
 RUSHING—J. Jones, 886 yards on 244 carries, 3.6 avg., 6 TDs... 12th
 PASSING—Hipple, 223 of 406 attempts for 2,952 yards and 17 TDs... 7th
 RECEIVING—Thompson, 51 receptions for 736 yards, 14.4 avg., 5 TDs... 15th
 INTERCEPTIONS—Watkins, 5 for 15 yards, 3.0 avg... 30th
 PUNTING—Black, 73 punts, 41.8 avg., longest 60 yards... 9th
 PUNT RETURNS—Mandley, 38 for 403 yards, 10.6 avg., 1 TD... 3rd
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Hall, 39 for 886 yards, 22.7 avg... 6th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 PHILADELPHIA (N)
 15 SEATTLE
 23 At Indianapolis (N)
 29 At Cincinnati (N)

1986 SCHEDULE		1985 SCORES
September	7 At Minnesota.....	13-16
	14 DALLAS.....	26-21
	21 TAMPA BAY.....	30-9
	28 At Cleveland.....	—
October	5 HOUSTON.....	—
	12 At Green Bay.....	10-43
	19 At Los Angeles Rams.....	—
	26 At Chicago.....	3-24
November	2 CINCINNATI.....	—
	9 MINNESOTA.....	41-21
	16 At Philadelphia.....	—
	23 At Tampa Bay.....	16-19
	27 GREEN BAY.....	23-26
December	7 At Pittsburgh.....	—
	15 CHICAGO (N).....	17-37
	21 ATLANTA.....	28-27

DETROIT LIONS

The Detroit Lions compiled some of the sorriest statistics in the league during Darryl Rogers' first season. They were last in offense, next to last in stopping the run, 22nd in passing, 26th in running, and 1-7 on the road. They also had 13 players who might have been starters miss 91 games because of injury.

But all does not smell for Rogers' second year. Considering all those fundamental woes, the Lions were actually rather competitive. Three times they lost when a field goal was the last play of the game. And check out some of the teams they beat: Dallas, San Francisco, Miami, and the Jets. All those victories were inside the Silverdome, where the Lions might win a Super Bowl if they could talk everybody into visiting Mr. Rogers' neighborhood.

"There are pluses to our football team, and one is that the continuity of what we learned in our first year should make us an improved team in 1986," said Rogers. "Really, the best statistic with this team a year ago was our ability to force turnovers by our opponents that put us in good field position. And the best thing our offense did was not turn the ball over. You can win with those concepts."

Rogers points out that statistics, which are for losers, also are linked together in ways that are not always so readily apparent. "If our defense becomes more proficient against the run, then our offense will have the ball more often and will improve dramatically. It will be at that time that our offensive statistics will show sharp improvement," he said.

Although defense is of primary concern, the Lions spent five of their first six draft picks on offense. The first was on Iowa quarterback Chuck Long, a player the Lions wanted from the start but didn't figure they could get. Long was ranked second to Purdue's Jim Everett on every scout's list, but the dropoff is not enough over which to pout. If statistics are any kind of yardstick, Long proved over and over that he could move the football, just what Rogers is ordering. Incumbent Eric Hipple is a good quarterback, but his future was in question even before Long arrived. "He did a good job, but it's not closed that he'll be the starter," Rogers said before the draft. At the time, Rogers was thinking about veteran Joe Ferguson.

It wasn't Hipple's fault that injuries to Billy Sims and Wilbert Montgomery left fullback James Jones with too much running to do by himself. Jones is outstanding, but the addition of No. 2 draft choice Garry James of LSU should provide the outside speed the Lions have lacked since Sims blew out a knee during the 1984 season. Of all the top running-back prospects in this draft, only Bo Jackson had faster 40-yard dash times than James, a former wingback. The faster James can make the transition to halfback, the faster the Lions will be competitive. Alvin Moore was the starter last season alongside Jones.

The offensive line was the third area Rogers addressed in the draft by making North Carolina State's 300-pound Joe Milinichik his third-round choice. Rogers claims nobody has a better trio of tackles than his Lomas Brown, Keith Dorney, and Rich Strenger. The trick is to get them all onto the field at once. If Milinichik can play, the pleasant problem will be compounded. Rogers moved Dorney to guard last year and is thinking of playing him at center this year. Brown, last year's top draft choice, and Strenger look solid at the tackle

spots, although Brown could move to guard if Milinichik can't. "When you talk about our tackles, you begin with Lomas Brown, whereas before you always began with Keith Dorney, who is an all-league-caliber player," said Rogers. Guards Don Greco and Chris Dieterich and center Steve Mott have fought injury, forcing the Lions into patchwork lineups they want to avoid.

Injury also haunted the Lions at wide receiver, where 34-year-old Leonard Thompson remains a stalwart. Jeff Chadwick's year was cut short by a broken collarbone and Mark Nicholls required knee surgery, so the door may be open for special-teams player Pete Mandley to make a move into the starting lineup. David Lewis continued to develop at tight end, but he has to improve his blocking in order for the Lions to improve their running. Rogers picked up veteran blocker Mark Brammer to compete with Lewis and Rob Rubick.

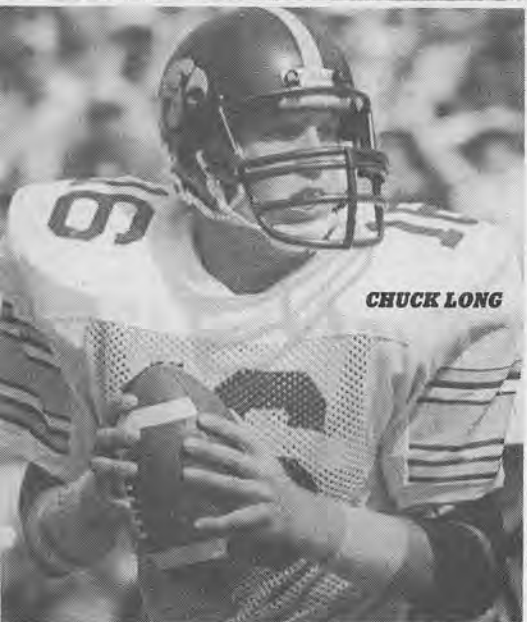
Defensive coordinator Wayne Fontes hopes his players can adapt better to the 3-4 system after playing most of their professional lives in the 4-3. "You simply can't allow people to make the amount of yards rushing that teams had against us," said Rogers. The future of veteran tackle Doug English was questionable at best following a neck injury that required surgery. Penciled in behind last year's



MARK NICHOLS



JAMES JONES



CHUCK LONG

late waiver acquisition Keith Ferguson at left end, English decided in May to call it a career. Former end Curtis Green moved to nose tackle last season and will challenge Eric Williams, who also suffered a less serious neck injury. William Gay looks solid at right end.

Linebacker Jimmy Williams became the team's most valuable defensive player when he switched from the right to the left side. The Lions were all set on the outside until right linebacker Michael Cofer broke his hip. Angelo King filled in well and will continue to play as a nickel linebacker. Second-year man James Johnson is expected to make his presence felt after spending last year on injured reserve. Outside depth is provided by James Harrell. At inside linebacker, the Lions must shore up problems that Rogers admits might be related to concept. Kurt Allerman, a St. Louis castoff, and August Curley were the starters for most of the year. June James and Kirk Dodge will challenge this year.

The Lions have good cornerbacks in Bobby Watkins and Bruce McNorton, backed up by John Bostic, Arnold Brown, and Duane Galloway. Free safety William Graham led the club in tackles and will move to strong safety at the start of training camp. That leaves the free safety open to William Frizzell, Alvin Hall, or No. 4 draft choice Devon Mitchell of Iowa. Last year's strong safety, Demetrious Johnson, will play in nickel situations.

Hall was the club's special-teams player of the year and returned kickoffs. Mandley is one of the league's top punt-return specialists. Eddie Murray's 26-for-31 field-goal record was third-best in the league and Mike Black did an adequate job of punting. Rogers' assessment of Black's performance could apply to the whole team: "We think he can do better."



GARRY JAMES

LIONS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
95	Allerman, Kurt	ILB	6-3	231	30	10	Penn State
68	Baack, Steve	NT	6-4	265	25	3	Oregon
11	Black, Mike	P	6-2	197	25	4	Arizona
80	Bland, Carl	WR	5-11	182	24	3	Virginia
42	Bostic, John	CB	5-10	178	23	2	Beth-Cookman
83	Brammer, Mark	TE	6-3	236	27	6	Michigan St.
23	Brown, Arnold	CB	5-10	185	23	2	N. Carolina
75	Brown, Lomas	T	6-4	282	22	2	Florida
89	Chadwick, Jeff	WR	6-3	190	25	4	Arlington Val. St.
55	Coter, Michael	OLB	6-5	245	25	4	Tennessee
91	Collins, Dwight	WR	6-2	210	24	2	Pittsburgh
50	Curley, August	ILB	6-3	226	26	4	USC
44	D'Addio, Dave	FB	6-2	229	24	2	Maryland
72	Dieterich, Chris	OL	6-3	260	27	7	N.C. State
70	Dorney, Keith	OL	6-5	270	28	8	Penn State
66	Evans, Leon	DE	6-5	282	24	2	Miami
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	195	35	14	Arkansas
77	Ferguson, Keith	DE	6-5	260	26	6	Ohio State
26	Frizzell, William	S	6-3	198	23	3	N.C. State
79	Gay, William	DE	6-5	260	30	9	USC
53	Glover, Kevin	OL	6-2	267	22	2	Maryland
33	Graham, William	S	5-11	191	26	5	Texas
67	Greco, Don	G	6-3	265	26	5	W. Illinois
62	Green, Curtis	DL	6-3	258	28	6	Alabama State
35	Hall, Alvin	S	5-10	184	27	6	Miami (O)
58	Harrell, James	OLB	6-1	230	28	7	Florida
17	Hipple, Eric	QB	6-2	198	28	7	Utah State
96	James, June	ILB	6-1	218	23	2	Texas
21	John, Demetrious	S	5-11	190	24	2	Missouri
34	Jones, A.J.	RB	6-1	215	26	5	Texas
51	Jones, David	OL	6-3	260	24	3	Texas
30	Jones, James	FB	6-2	229	24	4	Florida
92	King, Angelo	OLB	6-1	222	27	3	S.C. State
73	Laster, Don	T	6-4	278	27	3	Tenn. State
87	Lewis, David	TE	6-3	235	24	3	California
82	Mandley, Peter	WR	5-10	191	24	3	N. Arizona
98	Maxwell, Vernon	OLB	6-2	235	24	2	Arizona St.
29	McNorton, Bruce	CB	5-11	175	27	5	Georgetown
36	Meade, Mike	FB	5-11	227	26	5	Penn State
28	Montgomery, Wilbert	RB	5-10	195	31	10	Abilene Christ.
24	Moore, Alvin	RB	6-0	194	26	4	Arizona St.
52	Mott, Steve	C	6-3	265	24	4	Alabama
3	Murray, Eddie	PK	5-10	175	29	7	Tulane
86	Nichols, Mark	WR	6-2	208	26	6	San Jose State
84	Rubick, Ron	TEB	6-3	234	25	5	Grand Valley
20	Sims, Billy	RB	6-0	212	30	6	Oklahoma
65	Stevenson, Mark	OL	6-3	285	28	2	W. Illinois
71	Strenger, Rich	T	6-7	276	25	3	Michigan
39	Thompson, Leonard	WR	5-11	192	33	12	Oklahoma St.
60	Turnure, Tom	C	6-4	253	28	6	Washington
27	Watkins, Bobby	CB	5-10	184	25	5	S.W. Texas St.
49	West, Bernard	LB	6-0	225	28	R	N. Texas St.
76	Williams, Eric	NT	6-4	280	24	3	Washington St.
59	Williams, Jimmy	OLB	6-3	230	25	5	Nebraska
18	Wilkowski, John	QB	6-1	205	24	2	Columbia

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Long, Chuck	QB	6-4	222	Iowa
2	James, Garry	RB	5-10	214	LSU
3	Milnichik, Joe	OT	6-5	300	N.C. State
4	Mitchell, Devon	DB	6-1	194	Iowa
5	Smith, Oscar	RB	5-9	203	Nicholls St.
8	Griffin, Allyn	WR	6-2	189	Wyoming
9	Pickens, Lyle	DB	5-10	165	Colorado
10	Johnson, Tracy	LB	6-1	244	Morningside
11	Melvin, Leland	WR	5-11	175	Richmond
12	Durden, Allen	DB	5-11	167	Arizona

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

As fast as you can say Bo Jackson, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers could turn around their 2-14 season. If Jackson played defense, you could almost count on it. With Jackson and James Wilder in one backfield, the Buccaneers may never have to worry about playing defense. "We'll be looking to diversify our offense with more two-back alignments," said coach Lee-man Bennett. Wilder is the only back the Bucs have needed recently, but they decided early that passing up Jackson with the first pick in the draft would be like passing up Willie Mays because you already had Mickey Mantle.

Bennett was able to address the real problem area—defense—with his next four draft picks, all highly regarded players who could break into the starting lineup immediately. With quarterback Steve Young getting the benefit of his first training camp under Bennett, the Bucs have the ingredients to make a dramatic turnaround. Then again, they are counting on so many new faces that they resemble an expansion team 10 years after those first growing pains.

The Bucs have a chance to make a difference early. With three of their first four games at home in the September heat, they could take advantage with a fast start. Last year, the Bucs traveled to Chicago for their opener confident of victory. Bennett told Bears' coach Mike Ditka after watching the Bears lose three of their four exhibition games that he figured his Bucs were clearly superior. The Bucs took a 28-17 half-time lead on the Bears only to lose, 38-28, and set the stage for the rest of the season. The Bears ended up 15-1; the Bucs 2-14. Another tough game for the Bears was at Tampa, when the Bucs led 12-3 at half-time only to lose, 27-19. The two games demonstrated that the difference between 15-1 and 2-14 is not so wide as it looks on paper.

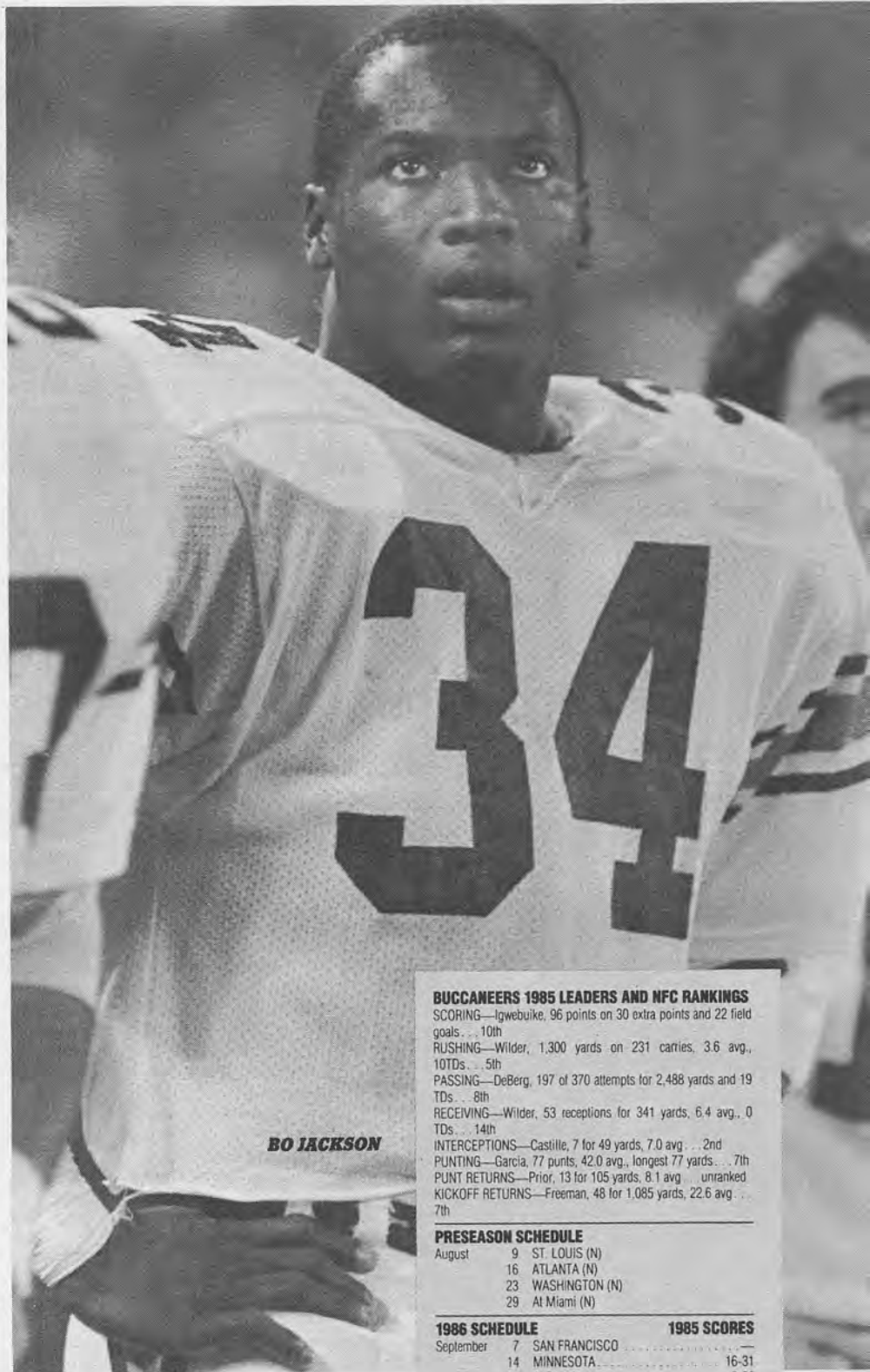
"We were a better team than our record indicated for most of the year," said Bennett. "Early on, we played toe-to-toe with some excellent teams. But as the season wore on, our lack of depth began to show."

The defensive leaks—25th against the run, 25th against the pass, 26th overall—must be plugged for the Bucs to have a prayer. "I've never seen a team win the Super Bowl that did not play outstanding defense," said Bennett, who hired former USFL coach Jim Stanley as defensive coordinator.

Young is the best running quarterback in the league, but his running won't be necessary with Jackson and Wilder around. Young started the final five games after waiting behind Steve DeBerg, who is still alive and well. "We did not stop playing DeBerg because of displeasure with his performance," explained Bennett. "But we felt we had to see Young."

Tight ends were the favorite targets of the Bucs as Jimmie Giles and U-back Jerry Bell caught 43 passes apiece and Bell's sub, Calvin Magee, caught 26. The roles of the tight ends and U-backs may change with two running backs in the lineup at the same time. Deep threat Kevin House and fellow wideout Gerald Carter caught 44 and 40 balls, respectively. Backup help is an area of need that Phil Freeman or David Verser could fill.

If the Bucs get immediate help at left tackle from 300-pound No. 5 draft choice J.D. Maareleveld of Maryland, their offensive line problems should subside. Incumbent George Yarno is the smallest regular left tackle in the league at 6-2, 260, and would help more at left



BUCCANEERS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Igwebuike, 96 points on 30 extra points and 22 field goals... 10th
RUSHING—Wilder, 1,300 yards on 231 carries, 3.6 avg., 10TDs... 5th
PASSING—DeBerg, 197 of 370 attempts for 2,488 yards and 19 TDs... 8th
RECEIVING—Wilder, 53 receptions for 341 yards, 6.4 avg., 0 TDs... 14th
INTERCEPTIONS—Castille, 7 for 49 yards, 7.0 avg... 2nd
PUNTING—Garcia, 77 punts, 42.0 avg., longest 77 yards... 7th
PUNT RETURNS—Prior, 13 for 105 yards, 8.1 avg... unranked
KICKOFF RETURNS—Freeman, 48 for 1,085 yards, 22.6 avg... 7th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

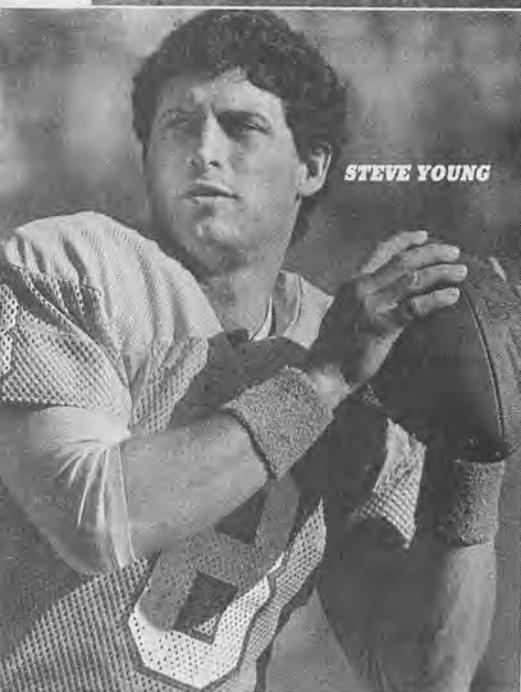
August	9	ST. LOUIS (N)
	16	ATLANTA (N)
	23	WASHINGTON (N)
	29	AT Miami (N)

1986 SCHEDULE 1985 SCORES

September	7	SAN FRANCISCO	16-31
	14	MINNESOTA	9-30
	21	AT Detroit	27-31
	28	Atlanta	16-0
October	5	AT Los Angeles Rams	13-20
	12	ST. LOUIS	7-26
	19	AT New Orleans	19-27
	26	AT Kansas City	0-21
November	2	BUFFALO	19-16
	9	CHICAGO	7-26
	16	vs. Green Bay (Mil.)	28-38
	23	DETROIT	17-20
	30	AT Minnesota	
December	7	AT Chicago	
	14	GREEN BAY	
	21	AT St. Louis	

guard, where Steve Courson and Rick Mallory work. Maareleveld certainly solves the size problem. Center Randy Grimes, right guard Sean Farrell, and right tackle Ron Heller are tough guys who would love blocking for Jackson and Wilder. Marvin Powell, a former all-pro, was obtained from the Jets.

"We had a workmanlike offense last year and I feel we need more explosiveness," said Bennett. In Jackson, the Bucs have a sonic boom. He weighs 225 pounds and has been



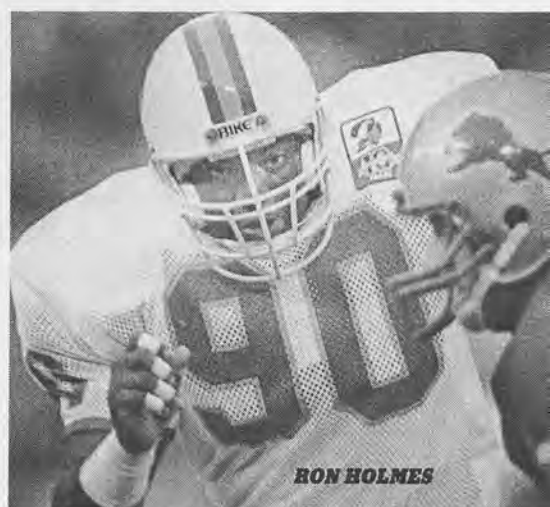
clocked for 40 yards in under 4.2 seconds. That makes him as big as Jim Brown and as fast as Darrell Green. Explosive enough?

Unfortunately, defensive stalwart Lee Roy Selmon won't be around to enjoy the fireworks. The cornerstone of the first Bucs' rebuilding program and the league's No. 1 pick in 1976, Selmon will be the Bucs' first Hall of Famer. A back injury forced him into retirement and forced last year's No. 1 draft choice, Ron Holmes, into filling huge shoes at defensive right end. Holmes was slowed by a pre-season injury, but finished strongly and led the club with 12 tackles for loss. He, left end John Cannon, and nose tackle David Logan played almost the entire season. Logan led the club in sacks and Cannon led in quarterback pressures. Karl Morgan was a fourth pass rusher. Don Fielder, Mark Studaway, Tony DeGrate, and Chris Lindstrom will compete for backup spots.

Linebacker is where big changes are expected. The trade of former all-pro Hugh Green to Miami brought two high draft picks which the Bucs used to select cornerback Rod Jones of SMU and linebacker Kevin Murphy of Oklahoma. With their own pick at the top of round 2, the Bucs took another linebacker, Jackson State's Jackie Walker (6-5, 240), who should challenge Jeff Davis and Scot Brantley for playing time inside. Murphy is a talented outside type who will make competition interesting among Chris Washington, Ervin Randle, and Keith Browner. Washington finished second to Davis in tackles; Randle played his first season at linebacker after a college career as a down lineman. The competition at all spots should improve the talent available to coordinator Stanley, who has to figure out a way to stop the rush.

Cornerback Jones, a collegiate sprinter, is expected to challenge John Holt on the right side opposite Jeremiah Castille, who is coming off the best season of any Buc defensive back. Safeties David Greenwood and Ivory Sully will get help from fourth-round draft choice Craig Swoope of Illinois, with Craig Curry and Mike Prior also in the running for playing time. Greenwood led the club in interceptions, with five, after limping through a USFL season just previous to joining the Bucs.

Place-kicker Donald Igwebuike had an outstanding rookie season in which he had eight field goals of 45 yards or longer. He connected on a team-record 22 field goals in 32 attempts. Punter Frank Garcia averaged 42 yards a kick despite a stress fracture of his left leg. Phil Freeman is expected to regain the form that put him among conference leaders in kickoff returns until he was injured. The Bucs forced only 34 punts all season, not enough to give return man Prior much chance to show his stuff.



BUCCANEERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
40	Armstrong, Adger	RB	6-0	230	29	7	Texas A&M
82	Bell, Jerry	TE	6-5	230	27	5	Arizona St.
	Bendross, Jesse	WR	6-0	200	23	3	Alabama
52	Brantley, Scot	LB	6-1	230	28	7	Florida
57	Browner, Keith	LB	6-5	240	24	3	USC
78	Cannon, John	DE	6-5	260	26	5	William & Mary
87	Carter, Gerald	WR	6-1	190	29	7	Texas A&M
23	Castille, Jeremiah	CB	5-10	175	25	4	Alabama
72	Courson, Steve	G	6-1	275	31	9	South Carolina
31	Curry, Craig	S	6-0	190	25	3	Texas
58	Davis, Jeff	LB	6-0	230	26	5	Clemson
17	DeBerg, Steve	QB	6-3	210	32	10	San Jose St.
80	Dunn, K.D.	TE	6-3	235	23	2	Clemson
26	Easmon, Ricky	CB	5-10	160	23	2	Florida
62	Farrell, Sean	G	6-3	260	26	5	Penn State
65	Fielder, Don	DE	6-3	260	27	2	Kentucky
81	Freeman, Phil	WR	5-11	185	24	2	Arizona
5	Garcia, Frank	P	6-0	210	29	4	Arizona
88	Giles, Jimmie	TE	6-3	240	32	10	Alcorn St.
30	Greenwood, David	S	6-3	210	26	2	Wisconsin
60	Grimes, Randy	C	6-4	270	26	4	Baylor
73	Heller, Ron	T	6-6	280	24	3	Penn State
90	Holmes, Ron	DE	6-4	255	23	2	Washington
21	Holt, John	CB	5-11	180	27	6	W. Texas St.
89	House, Kevin	WR	6-1	185	29	7	Southern Illinois
1	Igwebuike, Donald	PK	5-9	185	26	2	Clemson
91	Janata, John	T	6-7	275	25	2	Illinois
55	Johnson, Dennis	LB	6-3	235	28	7	USC
79	Kaplan, Ken	T	6-4	275	26	3	New Hampshire
75	Lindstrom, Chris	DE	6-7	260	26	3	Boston U.
76	Logan, David	NT	6-2	250	30	8	Pittsburgh
86	Magee, Calvin	TE	6-3	240	23	2	Southern
68	Mallory, Rick	G	6-2	260	26	2	Washington
	Middleton, Frank	RB	5-11	210	26	3	Florida A&M
67	Morgan, Karl	NT	6-1	255	25	3	UCLA
	Pleasant, Reggie	CB	5-9	175	24	2	Clemson*
	Powell, Marvin	T	6-5	270	31	10	USC
24	Prior, Mike	S	6-0	200	23	2	Illinois St.
54	Randle, Ervin	LB	6-1	250	24	2	Baylor
7	Risher, Alan	QB	6-2	190	25	2	LSU
74	Sanders, Gene	T	6-3	285	30	7	Texas A&M
64	Shearin, Joe	G	6-4	250	26	4	Texas
20	Springs, Ron	RB	6-2	225	30	8	Ohio State
71	Studaway, Mark	DE	6-4	275	26	3	Tennessee
44	Sully, Ivory	S	6-0	200	29	8	Delaware
84	Verser, David	WR	6-1	200	28	5	Kansas
51	Washington, Chris	LB	6-4	230	24	3	Iowa St.
32	Wilder, James	RB	6-3	225	28	5	Missouri
85	Witte, Mark	TE	6-3	235	27	4	N. Texas St.
66	Yarno, George	G-T	6-2	265	27	7	Washington St.
8	Young, Steve	QB	6-2	200	25	2	Brigham Young

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Jackson, Bo	RB	6-1	222	Auburn
1	Jones, Roderick	DB	5-11	164	SMU
2	Walker, Jackie	LB	6-5	241	Jackson St.
2	Murphy, Kevin	LB	6-2	226	Oklahoma
4	Swoope, Craig	DB	6-1	200	Illinois
5	Maarleveld, J.D.	OT	6-6	300	Maryland
6	Walker, Kevin	DB	5-11	180	East Carolina
9	Barnhardt, Tommy	P	6-2	205	North Carolina
10	Reed, Benton	DE	6-5	270	Mississippi
11	Drenth, Mark	OG	6-5	280	Purdue
12	Miller, Clay	OT	6-5	280	Michigan
12	Crawford, Mike	RB	5-10	200	Arizona St.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

While outsiders tried to give Vikings' coach Jerry Burns a new quarterback, Burns had plans of his own after becoming the latest replacement for Bud Grant. After 18 years as offensive coordinator of the Vikings, Burns knew what he wanted in the draft: a strong pass rusher. And so it was that a long-time tradition in Minnesota was preserved. Auburn's Gerald Robinson became the 10th defensive lineman drafted No. 1 by the Vikings in their 26-year history. He will join Keith Millard (1984), Doug Martin (1980), and Mark Mulaney (1975) on the current roster.

The Vikings caught some heat from the faithful followers for such a move. But wise onlookers such as the Chicago Bears knew what Burns was thinking. "That Robinson looks just like Richard Dent on his first two steps," said Bears' coach Mike Ditka, referring to his own pass rusher who was most valuable player in the Super Bowl.

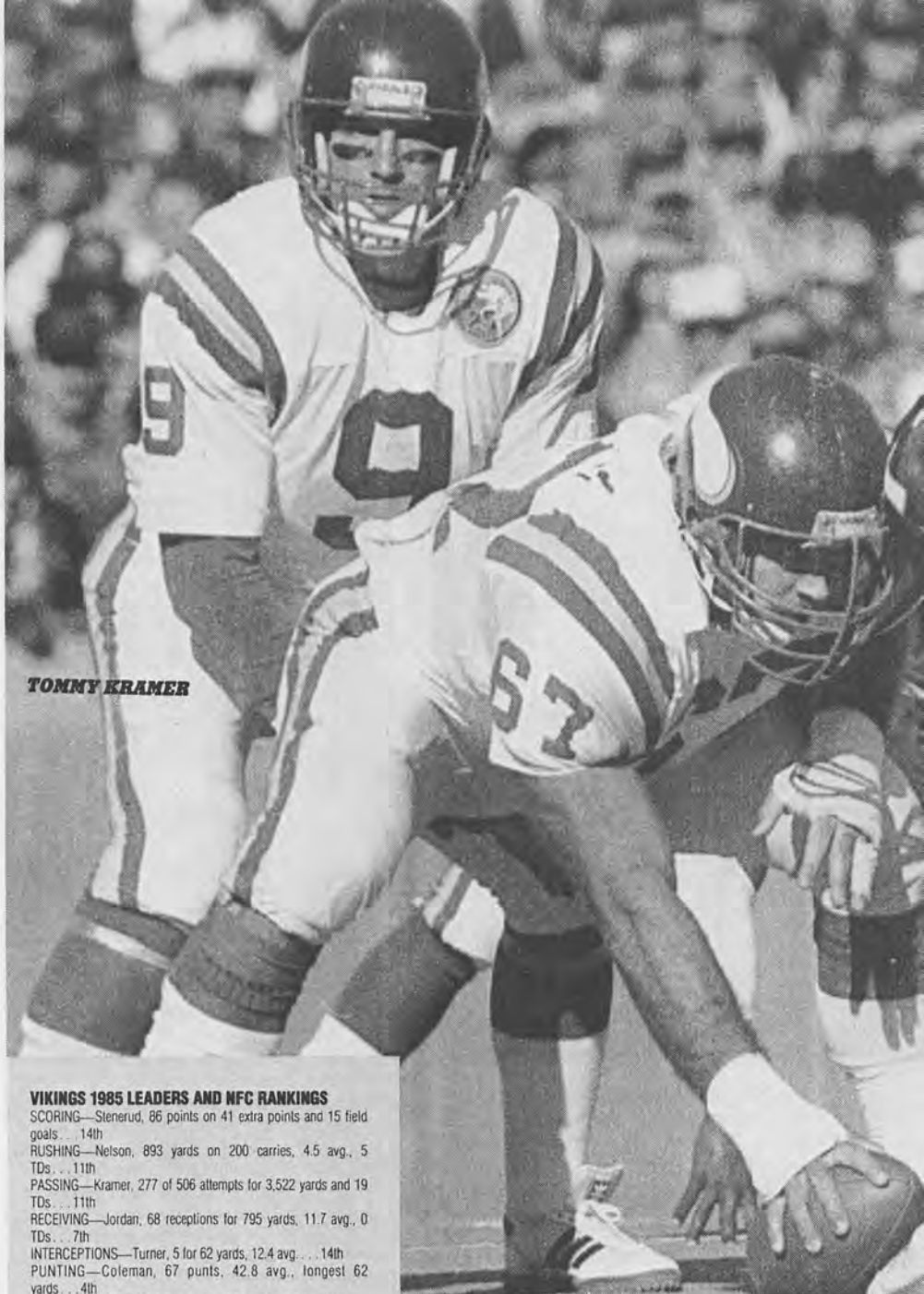
Getting to the quarterback is more important than getting a new quarterback. At least that was the Vikings' decision when they passed up Iowa's Chuck Long and traded down before taking Robinson. Burns hired former Detroit and St. Louis defensive coordinator Floyd Peters to reinstall a 4-3 defense. The Vikings went to four Super Bowls with a four-man rush before going to the 3-4.

As for the quarterback position, Burns will turn again to Tommy Kramer and demand more help for him. The Vikings already took the first step by spending two No. 2 draft choices for a left tackle, former USFL player Gary Zimmerman. Kramer threw more interceptions (26) than any other NFL quarterback in '85. Only twice in seven seasons as a starter has he managed to throw more touchdown passes than interceptions. But backups Wade Wilson and Steve Bono don't appear to be contenders for a starting job and the Vikings feel Kramer is good enough to win with if the supporting cast is there.

At wide receiver, Kramer has an all-star crew of Anthony Carter, Mike Jones, and Leo Lewis. Fifth-round draft choice Hassan Jones of Florida State comes with high recommendations and Buster Rhymes has great potential if he can beat a battle with chemical dependency. Lewis is coming off an injury. "I think our strongest position is wide receiver," said Burns. New offensive coordinator Bob Schnelker is expected to aim Kramer's passes more downfield than Burns did. Schnelker engineered Green Bay's deep-threat offense in past years. Tight end Steve Jordan led the club in receiving with 68 catches but didn't visit the end zone once. Carter led in that category with eight touchdown catches. Mike Mularkey is Jordan's backup and plays in two-tight-end sets. The Vikings added two draft choices, Houston's Carl Hilton and USC's Joe Cormier.

If Zimmerman can get the job done at left tackle, it will shore up a problem and enable huge Curtis Rouse to move to guard, where Brent Boyd and Terry Tausch already hold the fort fairly well. Center Dennis Swilley will be pushed by second-year man Kirk Lowdermilk. Another second-year lineman, Mark MacDonald, is a good prospect. Right tackle is in the capable hands of Tim Irwin.

Last and least in the Vikings' scheme of offense are the running backs, who finished last in the NFC in yardage. Darrin Nelson has yet



TOMMY KRAMER

VIKINGS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Stenerud, 86 points on 41 extra points and 15 field goals... 14th
RUSHING—Nelson, 893 yards on 200 carries, 4.5 avg., 5 TDs... 11th
PASSING—Kramer, 277 of 506 attempts for 3,522 yards and 19 TDs... 11th
RECEIVING—Jordan, 68 receptions for 795 yards, 11.7 avg., 0 TDs... 7th
INTERCEPTIONS—Turner, 5 for 62 yards, 12.4 avg... 14th
PUNTING—Coleman, 67 punts, 42.8 avg., longest 62 yards... 4th
PUNT RETURNS—Nelson, 16 for 133 yards, 8.3 avg... unranked
KICKOFF RETURNS—Rhymes, 53 for 1,345 yards, 25.4 avg... 4th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 MIAMI (N)
16 DENVER (N)
22 At Seattle (N)
30 At Indianapolis (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September 7 DETROIT 16-13
14 At Tampa Bay 31-16
21 PITTSBURGH
October 28 GREEN BAY 17-27
5 At Chicago 9-27
12 At San Francisco 28-21
19 CHICAGO 24-33
November 26 CLEVELAND
2 At Washington
9 At Detroit 21-41
16 NEW YORK GIANTS
December 23 At Cincinnati
30 TAMPA BAY 26-7
7 At Green Bay 17-20
14 At Houston
21 NEW ORLEANS 23-20

1985 SCORES



KEITH MILLARD

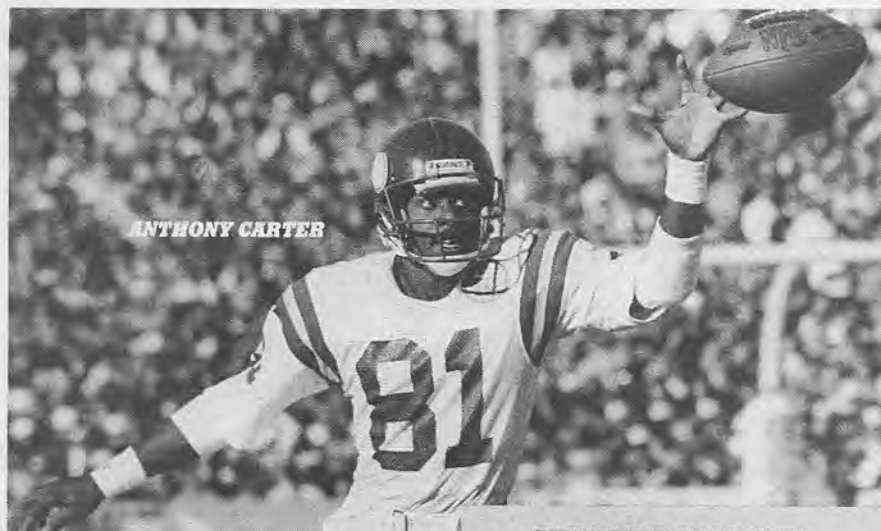


DARRIN NELSON

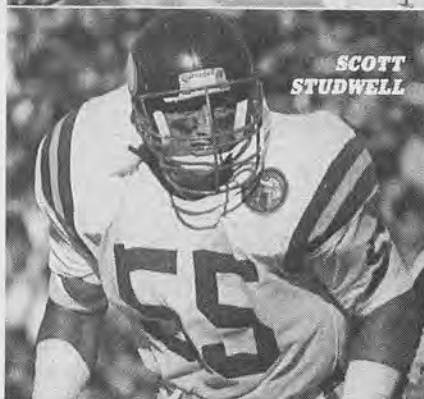
to become the game-breaking threat as a runner or receiver that some had predicted. Whether Nelson or the system is at fault is debatable. Alfred Anderson, Ted Brown, and Allen Rice also run on the rare occasions when it seems necessary. The Vikings threw 576 passes last year and ran only 406 times. Only the San Diego Chargers had a wider pass-to-run ratio.

On defense, Burns wants a return to the attacking style. A lot depends on Robinson's ability to adjust from a college standup end to a down lineman. If Robinson can push Mulaney for a starting job at right end, Millard will be able to move from right end to tackle. Millard, who led the club in sacks with 11, will be closer to the quarterback inside. He will play next to second-year man Tim Newton, the 300-pound "Ice Box" who played more than Chicago's William Perry as a rookie but finished a distant second in publicity. Martin is the left end. Neil Elshire is a pass-rushing specialist. Fourth-round draft choice Joe Phillips of SMU will join Robert Smith for backup time.

Scott Studwell will move to middle linebacker. Second-year man Chris Doleman is the left linebacker with David Howard or Chris Martin slated for the right side. Walker Lee Ashley and second-year man Tim Meamber are coming off injured reserve. If Robinson can't adjust to the three-point stance, he will get a chance at linebacker, too.



ANTHONY CARTER



SCOTT STUDWELL

Carl Lee and Willie Teal are the starting cornerbacks, with second-year man Issiac Holt ready to make a move and Rufus Bess in reserve. Strong safety Joey Browner started every game and became the Vikings' only Pro Bowl participant in two years when he made it as a special-teams specialist. If second-year man Kyle Morrell makes it back from injury, he could challenge John Turner at free safety, where the Vikings want a stronger tackler.

A kicking derby to replace Jan Stenerud will include Luis Zendejas, Jeff Brockhaus, and Chuck Nelson. Greg Coleman begins his 10th year as the punter. The Vikings have potentially the most dangerous kick-return men in the league if Burns uses Carter and Nelson on punts and if Rhymes, who led the NFL with 1,345 yards on 53 kickoffs, comes back.

Burns wanted this job in 1984, when Les Steckel spent an ill-fated year as Grant's initial replacement. He was going to quit but stuck it out and was rewarded when Grant retired for the second time in three years. Burns was a defensive assistant with the Packers for Super Bowls in 1966 and 1967. When Grant took over as Viking coach in 1967, he wanted Burns as his offensive coordinator but could not hire him because he still was under contract to the Packers. So Grant went without a coordinator that year until Burns became available in 1968.

"We can be a contending team," said Burns. "We are in a division that is a lot stronger than people recognize because of the territorial and historical rivalries. You would be a little nuts to pick anybody else but the Bears to win the division. But I'd be surprised if they will be as successful as 15-1."

VIKINGS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
46	Anderson, Alfred	RB	6-1	213	25	4	Baylor
58	Ashley, Walker Lee	LB	6-0	240	26	4	Penn State
21	Bess, Rufus	CB	5-9	185	30	8	S.C. State
59	Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	235	36	13	Iowa State
13	Bono, Steve	QB	6-3	211	24	2	UCLA
62	Boyd, Brent	G	6-3	275	29	7	UCLA
23	Brown, Ted	RB	5-10	210	29	8	N.C. State
47	Browner, Joey	DB	6-2	205	26	4	Southern Cal
84	Carroll, Jay	TE	6-4	230	24	3	Minnesota
81	Carter, Anthony	WR	5-11	162	26	2	Michigan
45	Cephous, Frank	RB	5-10	205	25	2	UCLA
8	Coleman, Greg	P	6-0	185	32	10	Florida St.
56	Doleman, Chris	LB	6-5	250	25	2	Pittsburgh
73	Elshire, Neil	DE	6-6	260	28	6	Oregon
64	Feasel, Grant	OL	6-8	278	26	4	Abilene Christian
50	Fowlkes, Dennis	LB	6-2	230	25	4	West Virginia
61	Hamilton, Wes	G	6-3	270	33	11	Tulsa
30	Holt, Issiac	DB	6-1	197	24	2	Alcorn State
51	Hough, Jim	G	6-2	275	30	9	Utah State
99	Howard, David	LB	6-2	225	25	2	Long Beach St.
72	Huffman, David	T	6-5	280	29	8	Notre Dame
89	Jones, Mike	WR	5-11	176	26	4	Tennessee St.
83	Jordan, Steve	TE	6-3	230	25	5	Brown
9	Kramer, Tommy	QB	6-2	205	31	10	Rice
39	Lee, Carl	DB	5-11	185	25	4	Marshall
63	Lowdermilk, Kirk	C	6-3	265	23	2	Ohio State
87	Lewis, Leo	WR	5-8	170	30	6	Missouri
71	MacDonald, Mark	G	6-4	267	25	2	Boston College
75	Millard, Keith	DE	6-6	260	24	2	Washington St.
56	Martin, Chris	LB	6-2	230	26	4	Auburn
79	Martin, Doug	DE	6-3	255	29	7	Washington
53	Meamber, Tim	LB	6-3	228	23	2	Washington
86	Mularkey, Mike	TE	6-4	245	25	4	Florida
1	Nelson, Chuck	K	5-11	175	26	2	Washington
20	Nelson, Darrin	RB	5-9	180	27	5	Stanford
96	Newton, Tim	NT	6-0	302	23	2	Florida
49	Nord, Keith	S	6-0	195	29	8	St. Cloud St.
36	Rice, Allen	RB-S	5-10	198	24	3	Baylor
68	Rouse, Curtis	G	6-3	305	26	5	Chattanooga
28	Rosnagle, Ted	S	6-3	202	24	2	Portland St.
88	Rhymes, Buster	WR	6-1	212	24	2	Oklahoma
74	Smith, Robert	DE	6-5	245	23	2	Grambling
55	Studwell, Scott	LB	6-2	230	32	10	Illinois
67	Swilley, Dennis	C	6-3	245	31	9	Texas A&M
66	Tausch, Terry	T	6-5	275	27	5	Texas
37	Teal, Willie	CB	5-10	195	29	7	LSU
90	Thompson, Arland	G	6-4	275	29	4	Baylor
27	Turner, John	S	6-1	199	30	9	Miami
24	Turner, Maurice	RB	5-11	199	26	3	Utah St.
85	White, Sammy	WR	5-11	195	32	11	Grambling
11	Wilson, Wade	QB	6-3	210	27	6	E. Texas St.
	Zimmerman, Gary	OL	6-6	255	25	1	Oregon

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Robinson, Gerald	DE	6-3	253	Auburn
4	Phillips, Joe	DT	6-4	290	SMU
5	Jones, Hassan	WR	6-0	198	Florida St.
6	Rooks, Thomas	RB	6-1	209	Illinois
7	Hilton, Carl	TE	6-3	229	Houston
8	Schippang, Gary	OL	6-4	254	West Chester
9	Slaton, Mike	DB	6-1	191	South Dakota
10	Cormier, Joe	TE	6-5	223	Southern Cal
11	Armstrong, John	DB	5-9	190	Richmond
12	Solomon, Jesse	LB	6-0	249	Florida St.

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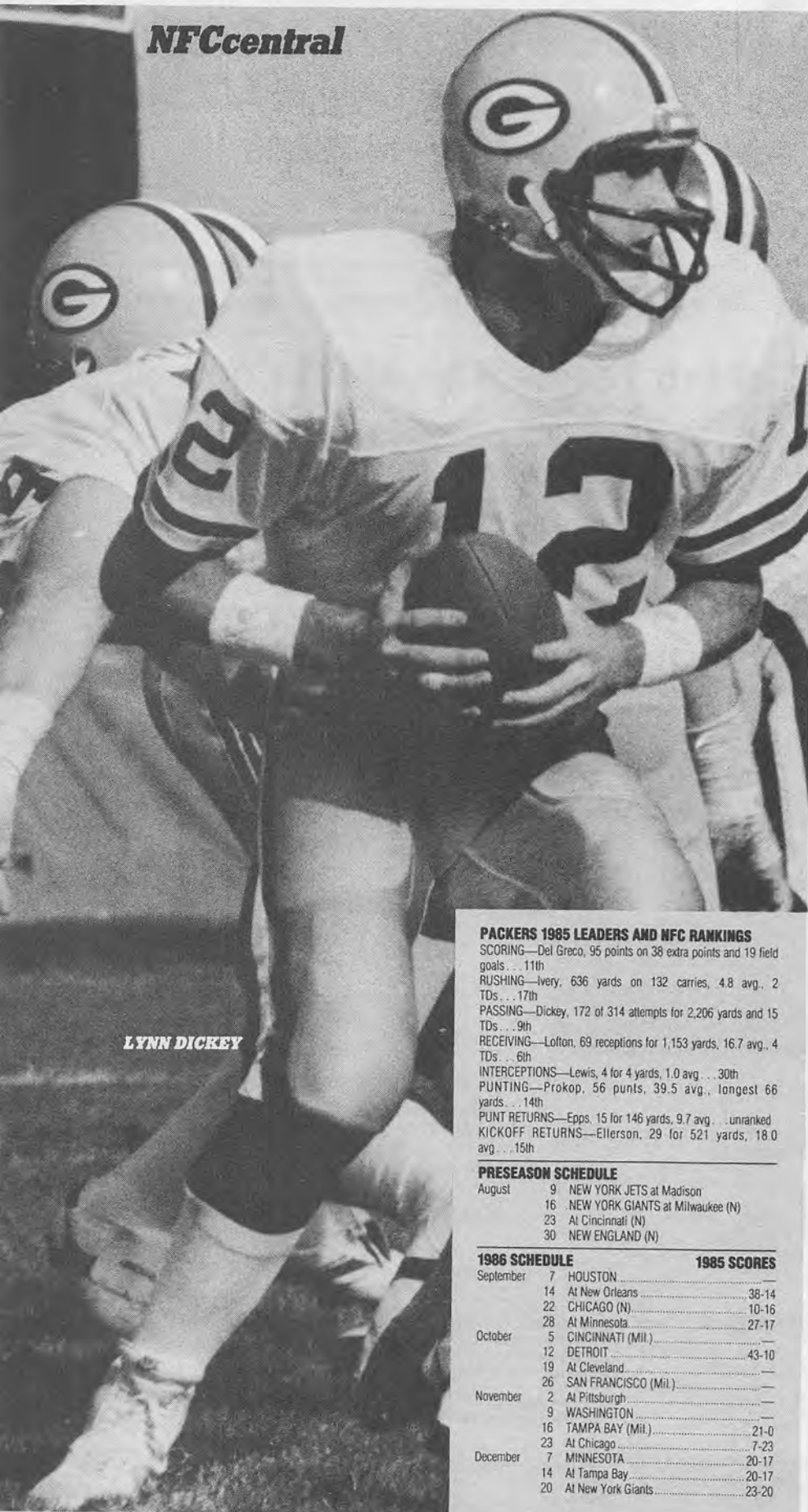
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SCORING—Del Greco, 95 points on 38 extra points and 19 field goals... 11th
RUSHING—Ivery, 636 yards on 132 carries, 4.8 avg., 2 TDs... 17th
PASSING—Dickey, 172 of 314 attempts for 2,206 yards and 15 TDs... 9th
RECEIVING—Lofton, 69 receptions for 1,153 yards, 16.7 avg., 4 TDs... 6th
INTERCEPTIONS—Lewis, 4 for 4 yards, 1.0 avg... 30th
PUNTING—Prokop, 56 punts, 39.5 avg., longest 66 yards... 14th
PUNT RETURNS—Epps, 15 for 146 yards, 9.7 avg... unranked
KICKOFF RETURNS—Ellerson, 29 for 521 yards, 18.0 avg... 15th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	9	NEW YORK JETS at Madison
	16	NEW YORK GIANTS at Milwaukee (N)
	23	At Cincinnati (N)
	30	NEW ENGLAND (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September	7	HOUSTON	38-14
	14	At New Orleans	10-16
	22	CHICAGO (N)	27-17
	28	At Minnesota	43-10
October	5	CINCINNATI (Mil.)	—
	12	DETROIT	—
	19	At Cleveland	—
	26	SAN FRANCISCO (Mil.)	—
November	2	At Pittsburgh	—
	9	WASHINGTON	—
	16	TAMPA BAY (Mil.)	21-0
	23	At Chicago	7-23
December	7	MINNESOTA	20-17
	14	At Tampa Bay	20-17
	20	At New York Giants	23-20

1985 SCORES

GREEN BAY PACKERS

The Green Bay Packers are a curious team—half good, half bad. Under Forrest Gregg, they have posted two 8-8 seasons. Under Bart Starr before Gregg, they were 8-8 in two of Starr's last three years. "We'd like to get off dead center," said Gregg.

Of some consolation is the way the Packers competed in their own NFC Central Division. They beat everybody twice except the Bears. Their two losses to the Bears were two of the Bears' toughest games, including the closest victory of the year for the Super Bowl champions, 16-10.

"I really feel good about where we are with our football team," said Gregg. "There are areas that we want to make stronger, but overall,

PACKERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	NFL college
59	Anderson, John	LB	6-3	229	30	9	Michigan
17	Bracken, Don	P	6-0	205	24	2	Michigan
93	Brown, Robert	DE	6-2	250	26	5	Virginia Tech
39	Burgess, Ronnie	DB	5-11	175	23	2	Wake Forest
77	Butler, Mike	DE	6-5	269	32	8	Kansas
24	Cade, Mossy	CB	6-1	195	25	2	Texas
58	Cannon, Mark	C	6-3	258	24	3	Texas-Arlington
76	Carreker, Alphonso	DE	6-6	260	24	3	Florida St.
23	Clanton, Chuck	S	5-11	192	24	2	Auburn
33	Clark, Jessie	FB	6-0	233	26	4	Arkansas
82	Collins, Paul	TE	6-3	225	30	9	Kansas St.
	Collins, Glen	DE	6-6	265	27	5	Mississippi St.
52	Cumby, George	LB	6-0	224	30	7	Oklahoma
10	Del Greco, Al	K	5-10	195	24	3	Auburn
88	Dennard, Preston	WR	6-1	183	31	9	New Mexico
12	Dickey, Lynn	QB	6-4	203	37	16	Kansas St.
99	Dorsey, John	LB	6-2	235	26	3	Connecticut
53	Douglass, Mike	LB	6-0	214	31	9	San Diego St.
42	Ellerson, Gary	RB	5-11	220	23	2	Wisconsin
31	Ellis, Gerry	FB	5-11	225	29	7	Missouri
85	Epps, Phillip	WR	5-10	165	27	4	TCU
5	Ferragamo, Vince	QB	6-3	217	32	9	Nebraska
41	Flynn, Tom	S	6-0	195	24	3	Pittsburgh
65	Hallstrom, Ron	G	6-6	283	27	5	Iowa
27	Hayes, Gary	DB	5-10	180	29	3	Fresno St.
25	Huckleby, Harlan	RB	6-1	201	29	7	Michigan
79	Humphrey, Donnie	DE	6-3	275	25	3	Auburn
40	Ivery, Eddie Lee	HB	6-0	214	29	7	Georgia Tech
90	Johnson, Ezra	DE	6-4	259	31	10	Morris Brown
64	Johnson, Morris	G	6-4	346	24	1	Ala. A&M
43	Jones, Darryl	DB	6-0	190	24	3	Georgia
68	Koch, Greg	T	6-4	276	31	10	Arkansas
22	Lee, Mark	DB	5-11	188	28	7	Washington
89	Lewis, Mark	TE	6-2	218	25	2	Texas A&M
26	Lewis, Tim	DB	5-11	191	25	4	Pittsburgh
80	Lofton, James	WR	6-3	197	30	9	Stanford
94	Martin, Charles	DE	6-4	270	27	3	Livingston
28	McLeod, Mike	DB	6-0	180	28	3	Montana St.
60	Moore, Blake	C/G	6-5	272	28	7	Wooster
57	Moran, Rich	C/G	6-2	272	24	2	San Diego St.
37	Murphy, Mark	SS	6-2	201	28	6	West Liberty
91	Noble, Brian	LB	6-3	237	24	2	Arizona St.
78	Obrovac, Mike	G/T	6-6	275	31	6	Bowling Green
51	Prather, Guy	LB	6-2	229	28	6	Grambling
75	Ruettgers, Ken	T	6-5	267	24	2	USC
55	Scott, Randy	LB	6-1	222	27	5	Alabama
71	Shumate, Mark	DT	6-5	265	26	2	Wisconsin
87	Stanley, Walter	WR/KR	5-9	180	24	2	Mesa College
29	Stills, Ken	DB	5-10	185	23	2	Wisconsin
67	Swanke, Karl	T/C	6-6	262	29	7	Boston College
70	Uecker, Keith	G/T	6-5	270	26	5	Auburn
86	West, Ed	TE	6-1	242	25	3	Auburn
46	Williams, Ralph	WR	6-2	195	26	1	Miami (OH)
61	Wingle, Blake	G	6-2	260	26	4	UCLA
16	Wright, Randy	QB	6-2	201	25	3	Wisconsin
18	Zorn, Jim	QB	6-2	200	33	11	Cal Poly Pomona

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
2	Davis, Kenneth	RB	5-10	212	TCU
3	Bosco, Robbie	QB	6-2	188	Brigham Young
4	Harris, Tim	LB	6-5	224	Memphis St.
5	Knight, Dan	OT	6-5	280	San Diego St.
5	Koart, Matt	DE	6-5	250	Southern Cal
6	Dent, Burnell	LB	6-1	230	Tulane
7	Berry, Ed	DB	5-11	178	Utah St.
8	Cline, Michael	NT	6-3	265	Arkansas St.
9	Moore, Brent	DT	6-5	242	Southern Cal
10	Spann, Gary	LB	6-2	220	TCU

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In keeping with their 8-8 results, the Packers were 12th in offense and 12th in defense last season—not bad, not great. It is their improvement on defense under coordinator Dick Modzelewski that encourages Gregg. The Packers have progressed from 28th to 16th to 12th in the last three seasons. Though only 16th in stopping the run, the Packers were the only also-ran in the division able to make a stab at stopping the run. The Lions, Vikings, and Bucs all failed, which is fatal in a division trying to stop Walter Payton. Now Bo Jackson joins the group.

With quarterback Lynn Dickey, the Packers always have been able to move the ball, even when they were worse than 8-8. The question now is whether Lynn Dickey can still play. Moreover, does Lynn Dickey still want to play. According to Gregg, Dickey told him he wants to come back. But Gregg thought there was no problem a year ago until Dickey decided he was shell-shocked and benched himself.

The Packers have gathered a bunch of quarterbacks just in case the 36-year-old Dickey decides he would rather spend old age sitting in a chair instead of under defensive rushers. Randy Wright, Vince Ferragamo, and Jim Zorn already were on the roster before Gregg made BYU's Robbie Bosco his third-round draft choice. Gregg was short of expansive on his plans for Bosco in relation to his plans for the others. "This has nothing to



KENNETH DAVIS

do with anybody," he said. Since teams rarely keep five quarterbacks, it would seem that Gregg is exaggerating. Bosco's rap after a sterling collegiate career is a sore shoulder. Insiders say all he needs is some time in a weight room. "I think he has plenty of stuff on the ball to get it where he wants it to go, and he's proven that," Gregg said.

Whoever is quarterback wants the ball to go to James Lofton and Phil Epps, probably the fastest tandem of wide receivers in the game. With all that speed, however, the two of them got into the end zone only six times between them. Lofton caught 69 passes and surpassed the legendary Don Hutson as the

club's all-time receiving leader but hit pay dirt only four times. The average yards per catch for Lofton (16.7) and Epps (15.5) should be bigger. Preston Dennard was the Packers' third receiver last year and will get competition from Walter Stanley, who showed promise at the end of the season. Tight end Paul Coffman, a perennial all-star contender, caught six TD passes and has caught more (39) in his career than any other active tight end. Blocker Ed West and second-year man Mark Lewis are the backups.

The key to springing Lofton and Epps into the end zone more regularly may ride with the rushing attack that Gregg plans to emphasize more now that veteran offensive coordinator Bob Schnelker has gone to Minnesota. Even



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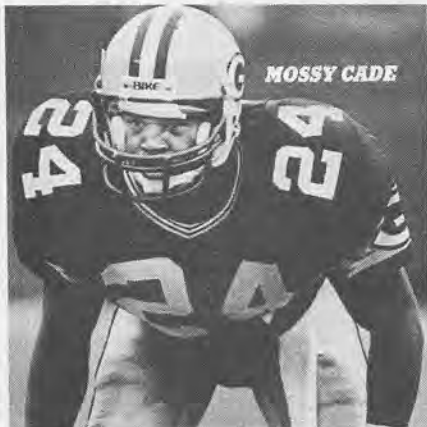
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though running back is one of the Packers' strongest and deepest positions, Gregg used his first draft choice in the second round to land TCU runner Kenneth Davis. He'll join Eddie Lee Ivery, Jessie Clark, and Gerry Ellis, all of whom were over the 550-yard mark last



year. Another runner of promise is second-year man Gary Ellerson, who finished impressively at both fullback and halfback.

Gregg knows better than anyone else, perhaps, the importance of the offensive line in any game plan. Vince Lombardi's greatest lineman was one of the first observers to credit the Bears' offensive line with a major role in their success. In Green Bay, the continued development of second-year left tackle Ken Ruettgiers, second-year left guard Rich

Moran, and third-year center Mark Cannon is crucial to the Packer hopes. Right guard Ron Hallstrom was slowed early with a training camp injury but came on strong. Right tackle Greg Koch, at 31, is the only aging veteran among the starters. Veteran tackle Karl Swanke and guard Keith Uecker are coming off knee injuries. Mike Obrovac is a backup.

Gregg was unhappy with the play of his linebackers in blitzing situations last season, so he took four in the draft, including Memphis State's Tim Harris, a former pass-rushing end. "We were getting no help with our pass rush from our linebackers," said Gregg. Outside backers John Anderson and Mike Douglass have started since 1978 and 1979, respectively. Inside starter Randy Scott has been



around since late 1982. Second-year inside starter Brian Noble is the only newcomer. George Cumby is a veteran who became famous last season as the foil for crunching blocks by Chicago's William Perry. Gregg promises a longer look at third-year man John Dorsey. "We've got to have better production. Whether we get it out of the people here or out of the new people, I really don't care," he said.

Production on the front is not so much of a concern as long as pass rusher Ezra Johnson is healthy. He had 9 1/2 sacks to lead the team in his ninth season. Left end Alphonso Carreker and nose tackle Donnie Humphrey are entering their third seasons. Robert Brown backed up both ends and Charles Martin pushed Humphrey in the middle. Mike Butler returns from a nagging neck injury and ex-Bengal No. 1 Glen Collins could help.

The defensive backfield is young and deep, with Mark Lee and Tim Lewis at cornerbacks and Mark Murphy and Tom Flynn at safeties. Mossy Cade will push for a starting cornerback spot. Darryl Jones, Mike McLeod, and Chuck Clanton are backup safeties. "I look for Tim Lewis to have a great year," said Gregg. "He can be a dominating cornerback."

Special teams are due for a comeback. The kickoff-coverage team fell from first to 21st, the kickoff-return team from 8th to 20th, and the punt-coverage team from 10th to 14th. The only exception was the punt-return unit, which improved from 19th to 10th. Don Bracken improved as a punter as the year progressed. Al Del Greco appears entrenched as the place-kicker.

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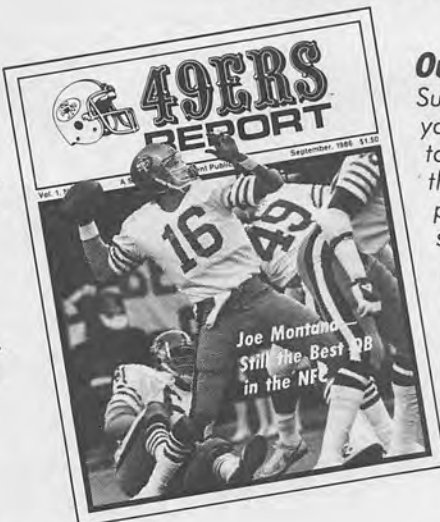
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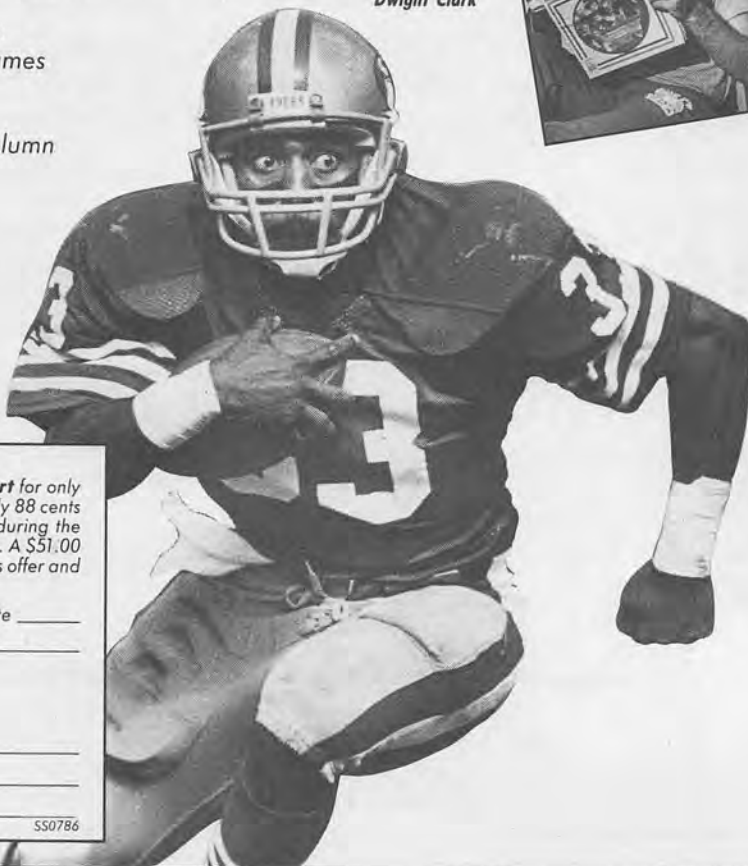
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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

To slip from 15-1 to 10-6 doesn't necessarily indicate disaster. In the case of the San Francisco 49ers, it probably indicates no more than a slight malfunction in the program. The 1984 world champions started out 1985 with a 3-4 record and had to win seven of their last nine games to enter the playoffs. By the time they arrived in New Jersey to play the Giants in the NFL wild-card game, they were limping so badly they really had no chance.

Winning early allows a team the luxury of healing late. The 49ers had forgotten this important lesson and were haunted by errors and poor execution for the first half of the season. They lost their opener to Minnesota, 28-21, even though they outgained the Vikings by more than 200 yards. This year, the 49ers have to play three of their first four games on the road—at Tampa Bay, Los Angeles, and Miami. Two involve long trips and the third is the NFC West opener against the Rams. A fast start in those four and the 49ers might be able to enjoy a soft middle schedule of Indianapolis, Atlanta, Green Bay, New Orleans, and St. Louis before a tough final six including two Monday night games.

Injuries that no amount of genius can prevent or overcome were another bugaboo for coach Bill Walsh's team. All Walsh knows is that, basically, he still has the nucleus of a Super Bowl contender, provided that health returns and decides to stay for a while.

The 49ers are so confident and satisfied with their personnel that they traded down not once but twice in the first two rounds of the draft. They ended up with a pass rusher in the second round in Alabama's Larry Roberts and help at cornerback in the third round in Texas-

49ers 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Wersching, 91 points on 52 extra points and 13 field goals . . . 12th
 RUSHING—Craig, 1,050 yards on 214 carries, 4.9 avg., 9 TDs . . . 8th
 PASSING—Montana, 303 of 494 attempts for 3,653 yards and 27 TDs . . . 1st
 RECEIVING—Craig, 92 receptions for 1,016 yards, 11.0 avg., 6 TDs . . . 1st
 INTERCEPTIONS—Lott, 6 for 68 yards, 11.3 avg. . . 7th
 PUNTING—Runager, 86 punts, 39.8 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 13th
 PUNT RETURNS—McLemore, 38 for 258 yards, 6.8 avg. . . 9th
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Monroe, 28 for 717 yards, 25.6 avg., 1 TD . . . 3rd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 10 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS
 18 At Los Angeles Rams (N)
 23 At Denver (N)
 29 SEATTLE (N)

1986 SCHEDULE		1985 SCORES
September	7 At Tampa Bay	—
	14 At Los Angeles Rams	28-14
	21 NEW ORLEANS	17-20
	28 At Miami	—
October	5 INDIANAPOLIS	—
	12 MINNESOTA	21-28
	19 At Atlanta	38-17
	26 vs. Green Bay (Mil.)	—
November	2 At New Orleans	31-19
	9 ST. LOUIS	—
	17 At Washington (N)	—
	23 ATLANTA	35-16
December	1 NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	—
	7 NEW YORK JETS	—
	14 At New England	—
	19 LOS ANGELES RAMS (N)	20-27

JOE MONTANA

RONNIE LOTT

Arlington's Tim McKyer. More importantly, they were able to wheel and deal for an extra first and second in the 1987 draft. If the 49ers would suddenly need a rebuilding job, they are in position to start one.

Until quarterback Joe Montana drops out of sight, the 49ers aren't likely to require any major rebuilding. Montana played well enough to be voted the NFC Pro Bowl starter by his peers, but he was so banged up with shoulder and rib injuries that he could not play. "Joe has been an extremely consistent performer who has come up with big efforts in big games. He leads the team by example and is the ultimate in modern-day quarterbacks," said Walsh. Besides, he beats the Rams so often that the archrivals from southern California consider it a plot. Walsh traded long-time backup Matt Cavanaugh to the Philadelphia Eagles and drafted McKyer with one choice

led the league in receiving with a team-record 92 catches and set another club mark with 15 touchdowns. A knee injury hurt him against the Giants in the playoffs.

The 49ers also played their last three games without tailback Wendell Tyler, out with knee surgery. Tyler was on his way toward another 1,000-yard year and is looking forward to another productive season at age 31. Backups Derrick Harmon, Bill Ring, and Carl Monroe will be joined by third-round draft choice Tom Rathman of Nebraska. Rathman is a 230-pound fullback who will give the 49ers the kind of power running and blocking they have lacked.

When healthy, the 49ers' offensive line of Bubba Paris, John Ayers, Fred Quillan, Randy Cross, and Keith Fahnhorst is as effective and experienced as any in football. Although some age is creeping up, there are no immediate openings for employment. Young backups Bruce Collie, Allan Kennedy, Guy McIntyre, Jesse Sapolu, Vince Stroth, and John Stevens will be joined by fourth-round draft choice Steve Wallace of Auburn. Cross is coming off knee surgery that knocked him out of the playoffs.

On defense, the retirement of pass-rushing specialist Fred Dean revealed an area of concern. Dean had not been himself for a couple of seasons. Dwaine Board led the club in sacks with 11½ from right end. Newcomer Roberts joins veteran ends John Harty, Jim Stuckey, and Jeff Stover. Michael Carter turned into what the 49ers thought was the best nose tackle in the league last year. He made all-pro despite missing a month in the middle of the season with a torn hamstring.



and added a second-round choice next year. To replace Cavanaugh, the 49ers traded for Rams' backup Jeff Kemp. Some cynics suggest Kemp is merely a spy.

Montana is surrounded by a talented cast of blockers, runners, and catchers that enabled the 49ers to lead the NFC in offense last year. The addition of Jerry Rice at receiver paid off in the latter part of the season. His best game was on national TV, and although he wasn't that good every week, he took pressure off Dwight Clark, who caught a career-high 10 touchdown passes. Clark became the all-time leading receiver for the 49ers and Walsh called him a Hall of Fame candidate. "He's extremely dangerous inside the 20-yard line," said Walsh. Veteran Mike Wilson and speedy Renaldo Nehemiah will vie for playing time as the third receiver, provided Nehemiah can recover from a back injury that kept him out all of last season.

At age 32, tight end Russ Francis enjoyed what Walsh called his finest season. An early neck injury and a late ankle injury hindered his start and finish, yet he still ended up with a career-high 44 receptions. "His injury late in the season really hurt the team's chances for success," said Walsh. John Frank provides excellent reserve strength.

With Roger Craig at fullback, Montana hardly needs any other weapons. Called "possibly the best all-around running back in the NFL" by Walsh, Craig proved it by running, catching, and blocking all around the field. Craig was the first player in NFL history to surpass 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season (1,050 rushing, 1,016 receiving). He



muscle. Backups Manu Tuasosopo and Gary Johnson are decent spot players.

The 49ers had two new starters at linebacker last year in Todd Shell and Michael Walter. They joined Keena Turner and Riki Ellison to form an effective foursome that was capably backed by Milt McColl, Jim Fahnhorst, and Jim Kovach.

If McKyer is as good as some scouts think, he could help Walsh solve his problem at right cornerback, where safety Dwight Hicks is playing out of position. Left corner Eric Wright, who also missed the postseason with an injury, is one of the best in the league. Former all-pro corner Ronnie Lott is finally a former corner and back to safety, where he should be all-world next to another all-pro, Carlton Williamson. Tory Nixon is another possibility at corner if he lives up to the potential that made him a No. 2 choice of the Redskins last year. Other backups include Jeff Fuller, Tom Holmoe, and Dana McLemore.

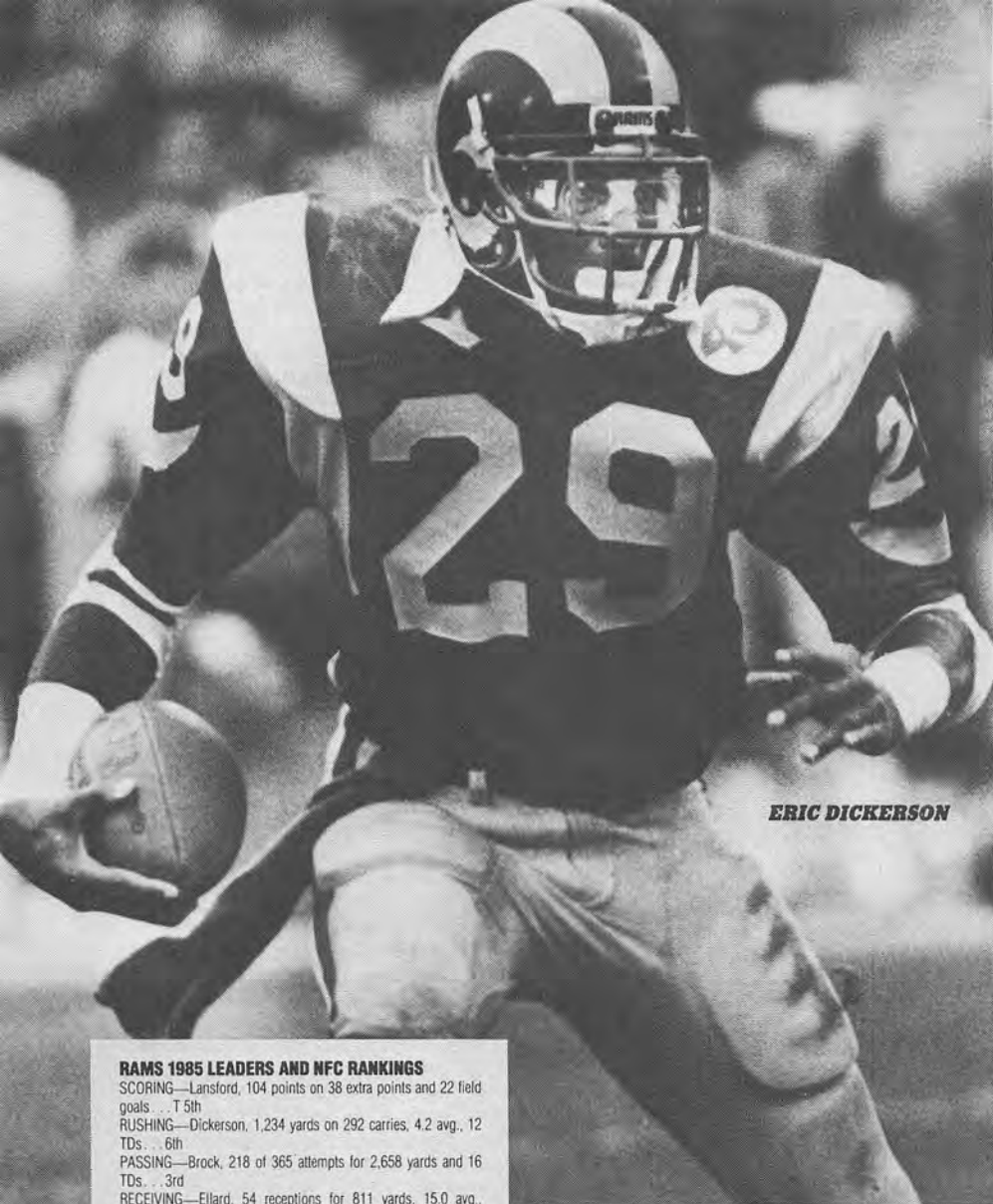
McLemore and Carl Monroe return kickoffs and McLemore is the punt-return specialist. Place-kicker Ray Wersching had four field goals blocked in a subpar 13-of-21 season. Max Runager hit a team record 30 punts inside the 20-yard line.

49ERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	NFL college
68	Ayers, John	G	6-5	265	33	10	West Texas St.
76	Board, Dwaine	DE	6-5	248	30	7	N. Carolina A&T
95	Carter, Michael	NT	6-2	285	26	3	SMU
87	Clark, Dwight	WR	6-4	215	29	8	Clemson
69	Collie, Bruce	OL	6-6	275	24	2	Texas-Arlington
33	Craig, Roger	FB	6-0	224	26	4	Nebraska
51	Cross, Randy	G	6-3	265	32	11	UCLA
50	Ellison, Riki	LB	6-2	225	26	4	Southern Cal
55	Fahnhorst, Jim	LB	6-4	230	28	3	Minnesota
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	273	34	13	Minnesota
54	Ferrari, Ron	LB	6-0	215	27	5	Illinois
81	Francis, Russ	TE	6-6	242	33	11	Oregon
86	Frank, John	TE	6-3	225	24	3	Ohio State
49	Fuller, Jeff	S-LB	6-2	216	24	3	Texas A&M
24	Harmon, Derrick	RB	5-10	202	23	3	Cornell
75	Harty, John	DE	6-4	260	28	6	Iowa
22	Hicks, Dwight	DB	6-1	192	30	8	Michigan
28	Holmoe, Tom	S	6-2	195	26	3	Brigham Young
40	Hull, Charles	CB	5-11	195	23	1	Presbyterian St.
97	Johnson, Gary	DT	6-2	261	34	12	Grambling
	Kemp, Jeff	QB	6-1	201	27	6	Dartmouth
66	Kennedy, Allan	T	6-7	275	28	4	Washington St.
57	Kovach, Jim	LB	6-2	239	30	8	Kentucky
42	Lott, Ronnie	DB	6-0	200	27	6	Southern Cal.
53	McColl, Milt	LB	6-6	230	27	6	Stanford
62	McIntyre, Guy	G	6-3	264	25	3	Georgia
43	McLemore, Dana	DB	5-10	183	26	5	Hawaii
32	Monroe, Carl	RB	5-8	180	26	4	Utah
16	Montana, Joe	QB	6-2	195	30	8	Notre Dame
83	Nehemiah, Renaldo	WR	6-1	185	27	4	Maryland
20	Nixon, Tory	CB	5-11	186	24	2	San Diego St.
77	Paris, William	T	6-6	299	26	4	Michigan
56	Quillan, Fred	C	6-5	266	30	9	Oregon
80	Rice, Jerry	WR	6-2	200	24	2	Miss. Valley
30	Ring, Bill	FB	5-10	205	30	6	Brigham Young
4	Runager, Max	P	6-1	189	30	8	South Carolina
61	Sapolu, Jesse	OL	6-4	260	25	2	Hawaii
90	Shell, Todd	LB	6-4	225	24	3	Brigham Young
65	Steevens, John	OL	6-4	265	26	1	Fresno St.
72	Stover, Jeff	DE	6-5	275	28	5	Oregon
60	Stroth, Vince	OL	6-3	256	26	1	Brigham Young
79	Stuckey, Jim	DE	6-4	253	28	7	Clemson
78	Tuasosopo, Manu	NT	6-3	262	29	8	UCLA
58	Turner, Keena	LB	6-2	222	28	7	Purdue
26	Tyler, Wendell	RB	5-10	207	31	9	UCLA
99	Walter, Michael	LB	6-3	238	26	4	Oregon
14	Wersching, Ray	PK	5-11	215	36	14	California
27	Williamson, Carlton	S	6-0	204	28	6	Pittsburgh
85	Wilson, Mike	WR	6-3	215	28	6	Washington St.
21	Wright, Eric	CB	6-1	185	27	6	Missouri

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
2	Roberts, Larry	DE	6-3	260	Alabama
3	Rathman, Tom	FB	6-0	223	Nebraska
3	McKyer, Tim	DB	6-0	174	Texas-Arlington
3	Taylor, John	WR	6-0	188	Delaware St.
4	Wallace, Steve	OT	6-5	276	Auburn
4	Fagan, Kevin	DE	6-3	260	Miami
4	Haley, Charles	LB	6-5	230	James Madison
5	Miller, Patrick	LB	6-1	220	Florida
6	Griffin, Don	DB	6-0	176	M. Tenn. St.
8	Popp, Jim	TE	6-5	239	Vanderbilt
9	Cherry, Tony	RB	5-7	187	Oregon
10	Ellison, Stinson	WR	5-10	175	Rice
11	Hallman, Harold	LB	5-11	234	Auburn



ERIC DICKERSON

RAMS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Lansford, 104 points on 38 extra points and 22 field goals... T 5th
RUSHING—Dickerson, 1,234 yards on 292 carries, 4.2 avg., 12 TDs... 6th
PASSING—Brock, 218 of 365 attempts for 2,658 yards and 16 TDs... 3rd
RECEIVING—Ellard, 54 receptions for 811 yards, 15.0 avg., 5 TDs... 12th
INTERCEPTIONS—Green, 6 for 84 yards, 14.0 avg., 1 TD... 5th
PUNTING—Hatcher, 87 punts, 43.2 avg., longest 67 yards... 2nd
PUNT RETURNS—Ellard, 37 for 501 yards, 13.5 avg., 1 TD... 1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—R. Brown, 28 for 918 yards, 32.8 avg., 3 TDs... 1st

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 6 HOUSTON (N)
 18 SAN FRANCISCO (N)
 23 SAN DIEGO (N)
 29 AT DENVER (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September 7 AT St. Louis 46-14
 14 SAN FRANCISCO 14-28
 21 AT Indianapolis
 28 AT Philadelphia 17-6
 October 5 TAMPA BAY 31-27
 12 AT Atlanta 14-30
 19 DETROIT
 26 ATLANTA 17-6
 November 3 AT Chicago (N)
 9 AT New Orleans 3-29
 16 NEW ENGLAND
 23 NEW ORLEANS 28-10
 30 AT New York Jets
 December 7 DALLAS (N)
 14 MIAMI
 19 AT San Francisco (N) 27-20

1985 SCORES

LOS ANGELES RAMS

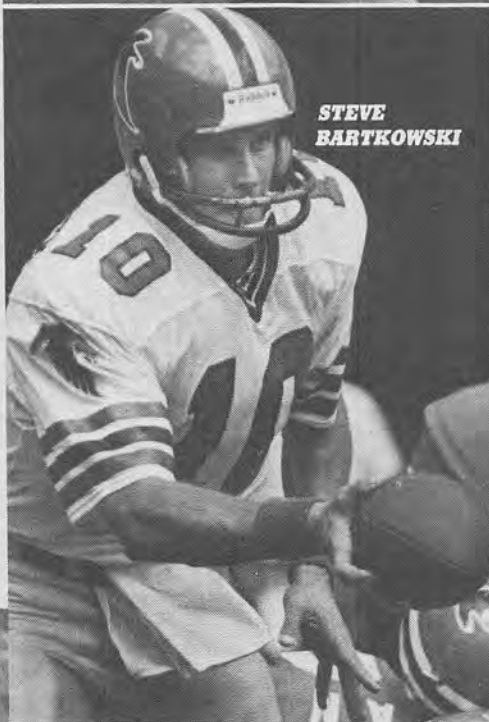
In Los Angeles, graveyard of quarterbacks, another ghost is expected to rise in 1986. He is Steve Bartkowski, who follows in the vapor of Dieter Brock, Bert Jones, Dan Pastorini, and Joe Namath.

"I'm glad they didn't play Jeff Kemp," said Bears' coach Mike Ditka, whose team beat the Rams, 24-0, in last year's NFC title game.

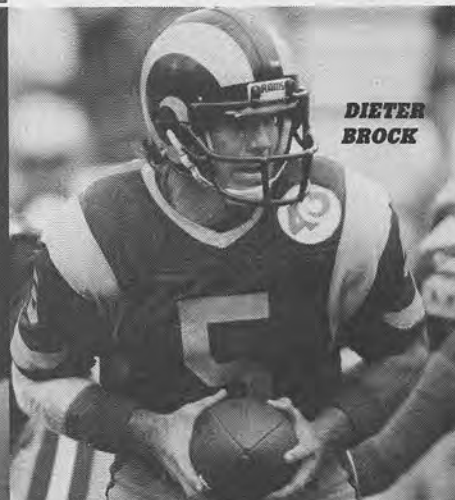
If the Rams were a bad team, they wouldn't be fooling around in championship games. It's just that their luck with quarterbacks is not good. The Rams have a history of treating quarterbacks as if they were tragic heroes in a B movie plot. Where do they dredge up these guys? More importantly, why do they dredge up these guys? And how do they expect to win? Handing off to Eric Dickerson is enough to beat most teams. It is also just enough to get you beat in a championship game.

Brock was a gutsy competitor in 1985 after coming from Canada to displace Vince Ferragamo and Kemp by decree of coach John Robinson. Brock set a Rams' single-season record for completion percentage (59.7). But he came up short. In fact, he was so short he could barely see over the huge offensive linemen who were trying to protect him. He was sacked 51 times, too many for a quarterback with such a highly publicized group of blockers in front of him. Now comes the 33-year-old Bartkowski of strong arm and weak legs. He needs protection desperately to have a chance at a comeback. Any kind of a year from any kind of a quarterback could vault the Rams over the top, because Robinson has rejuvenated the most important ingredient of a contender: the defense.

"We've made progress each of the three years I've been here, and to get to the NFC final was important for us. The Bears are the standard. The 49ers were the standard two years ago. There are new teams in the Super Bowl each year, so one of them from the NFC could just as well be us. I think the Ram fans realize we're getting close," said Robinson.



STEVE BARTKOWSKI



DIETER BROCK

Ram fans also were among the Los Angeles natives who voted Brock the greater of two evils in a newspaper poll to select the city's lesser quarterback. Brock edged the Raiders' Marc Wilson for the dubious distinction. To complicate the issue, the Rams drafted Washington quarterback Hugh Millen in the third round. They thought enough of him to trade later choices to grab him before Green Bay

could. Since the arrival of Joe Montana in 1979, third-round quarterbacks have deserved respect.

The Rams' first two choices were offensive linemen, an indication that all is not as well in that area as other teams have long thought. Mike Schad was the surprise first pick. He looks great out of uniform, but his background at Queen's University in Ontario would appear

to make him a project rather than a promise of immediate help. "Physically, he's the best line prospect any of us have ever seen," said Robinson. Guard Tom Newberry played for Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where the competition is a steep jump away from the NFL.

As good as Dickerson is, he proved he cannot overcome all obstacles when the Bears shut him down in the NFC title game. It came a week after he did overcome all obstacles with a 248-yard effort against the Dallas Cowboys. Dickerson is backed up by Barry Redden and Charles White, and Robinson has indicated that he will experiment with a two-back offense this year.

A little balance music, please. The Rams have the makings of balance. They employ some of the most dangerous receivers in the league. None are much faster than Ron Brown, nor better deep threats than Henry Ellard or Bobby Duckworth. Ellard led the club with 54 receptions and 5 touchdowns. Tight end Tony Hunter blossomed with a 50-catch,

4-touchdown season. Brown caught only 14 passes and expects a more productive year, although opponents think he was productive enough as a kickoff-return man alone. He scored on three runbacks.

For years, the Rams' offensive line was called a strength of the team. The addition of Schad and Newberry revealed some age around the edges. Irv Pankey and Jackie Slater are competent tackles, but Bill Bain retired at age 33. Guard Dennis Harrah is 32, but he and Kent Hill still comprise as effective a guard tandem as there is in the conference. Center Tony Slaton is the baby at 24.

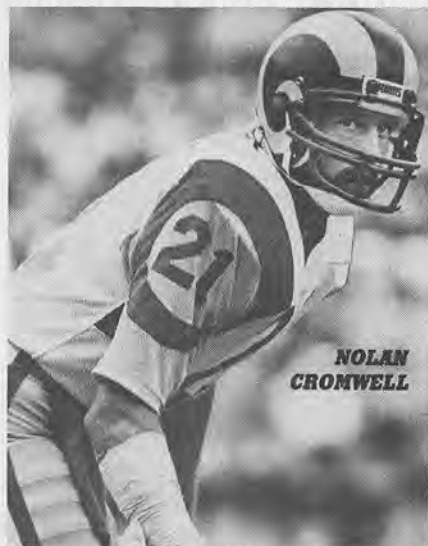
The Rams finished last in the league in passing, so it was more than Dickerson that got them into the NFC final. The return of the defense from 14th in the league to fifth was more responsible than anything else in getting the Rams off to their 7-0 start.

Dallas quarterback Danny White had these words for the Rams' defense: "I've played against the Bears, and the Rams are the best." Since the Bears knocked out White twice in their encounter, there is suspicion that White may not remember the Bears' defense. However, his praise of the Rams is significant. First, they stop the rush. That is the key to any good defense. Inside linebackers Jim Collins and Carl Ekern finished 1-2 in tackles and the Rams finished fourth in the league against the run. In the last 53 games, only seven running backs have surpassed the 100-yard mark against the Rams. Only Marcus Allen and Gerald Riggs did it in 1985.

Collins and Ekern stand behind nose tackle Charles DeJurnett and ends Doug Reed and Reggie Doss. All play the run well. In passing situations, the Rams come with end Gary Jeter and weak-side linebacker Mike Wilcher, who led the team in quarterback sacks. Wilcher had 12½ and Jeter 11. With nose tackles Shawn Miller and Greg Meisner and former Eagles' end Dennis Harrison in reserve, the Rams are solid along the front. At left linebacker is former No. 1 draft choice Mel Owens, who had nine sacks. In reserve are Ed Brady, Mark Jerue, and Norwood Vann.

Few secondaries can boast the talent or production of the Rams' foursome. Cornerbacks Gary Green and LeRoy Irvin are Pro Bowlers who shared the team lead in interceptions, with six apiece. They are ably backed by the club's 1985 No. 1 draft pick, Jerry Gray. Strong safety Nolan Cromwell and free safety Johnnie Johnson form an active and athletic duo between Green and Irvin and behind Collins and Ekern that leaves opposing offenses few places to go. Tim Fox and Vince Newsome are experienced reserves.

If there are better special teams in the league, other coaches would like an investigation. In composite standings including all categories of special teams, the Bears finished No. 1, but the Rams possess more striking power than any other team. Brown led the league in kickoff returns and Henry Ellard led the conference in punt returns. Between them, they scored four touchdowns. Punter Dale Hatcher led the league in net average, with 38 yards per boot. Only a rookie last season, Hatcher is a future superstar. Place-kicker Mike Lansford connected on 22 of 29 field goals, including six of eight over 40 yards and two of four over 50. The coverage teams were also among the league leaders against both punts and kickoffs.



NOLAN CROMWELL



CARL EKERN



DOUG REED

RAMS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
52	Andrews, George	LB	6-3	225	31	8	Nebraska
	Barikowski, Steve	DB	6-4	218	34	12	California
90	Brady, Ed	LB	6-2	235	26	3	Illinois
5	Brook, Dieter	DB	6-0	195	35	2	Jacksonville St.
89	Brown, Ron	WR	5-11	181	25	3	Arizona St.
50	Collins, Jim	LB	6-2	235	28	6	Syracuse
21	Cromwell, Nolan	S	6-1	200	31	10	Kansas
70	DeJurnett, Charles	NT	6-4	260	34	11	San Jose St.
29	Dickerson, Eric	RB	6-3	218	26	4	SMU
8	Dills, Steve	DB	6-1	191	31	8	Stanford
71	Doss, Reggie	DE	6-4	263	30	9	Hampton Inst.
82	Duckworth, Bobby	WR	6-3	196	28	5	Arkansas
55	Ekern, Carl	LB	6-3	230	32	10	San Jose St.
40	Ellard, Henry	WR	5-11	170	25	4	Fresno St.
48	Fox, Tim	S	5-11	186	33	11	Ohio State
25	Gray, Jerry	CB	6-0	185	24	2	Texas
27	Green, Gary	CB	5-11	191	31	10	Baylor
91	Greene, Kevin	LB	6-3	238	24	2	Auburn
44	Guman, Mike	DB	6-2	218	28	7	Penn State
60	Harrah, Dennis	G	6-5	265	33	12	Miami
26	Harris, Eric	S	6-3	202	31	7	Memphis St.
68	Harrison, Dennis	DE	6-8	280	30	9	Vanderbilt
3	Hatcher, Dale	P	6-2	200	23	2	Clemson
81	Hill, David	TE	6-2	240	32	11	Texas A&I
72	Hill, Kent	G	6-5	260	29	8	Georgia Tech
87	Hunter, Tony	TE	6-4	237	26	4	Notre Dame
47	Irvin, LeRoy	CB	5-11	184	29	7	Kansas
59	Jerue, Mark	LB	6-3	232	26	4	Washington
77	Jeter, Gary	DE	6-4	260	31	10	Southern Cal
20	Johnson, Johnnie	S	6-1	183	30	7	Texas
1	Lansford, Mike	PK	6-0	183	28	5	Washington
57	Laughlin, Jim	LB	6-1	222	28	7	Ohio State
79	Love, Duval	G	6-3	263	33	2	UCLA
83	McDonald, James	TE	6-5	245	25	4	Southern Cal
69	Meisner, Greg	NT	6-3	253	27	6	Pittsburgh
98	Miller, Shawn	NT	6-4	255	25	3	Utah St.
22	Newsome, Vince	S	6-1	179	25	4	Washington
58	Owens, Mel	LB	6-2	224	28	6	Michigan
75	Pankey, Irv	T	6-4	267	28	7	Penn State
43	Pleasant, Mike	CB	6-1	195	28	3	Oklahoma
30	Redden, Barry	RB	5-10	205	26	5	Richmond
93	Reed, Doug	DE	6-3	262	26	3	San Diego St.
78	Slater, Jackie	T	6-4	271	32	11	Jackson St.
61	Slaton, Tony	C	6-4	265	25	3	Southern Cal
56	Smith, Doug	C	6-3	253	30	9	Bowling Green
51	Vann, Norwood	LB	6-1	225	24	3	East Carolina
33	White, Charles	RB	5-10	190	28	6	Southern Cal
54	Wilcher, Mike	LB	6-3	240	26	4	North Carolina
88	Young, Michael	WR	6-1	185	24	2	UCLA

DRAFTIES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Schad, Mike	OT	6-5	285	Queen's College
2	Newberry, Tom	OG-C	6-1	279	Wis.-LaCrosse
3	Millen, Hugh	DB	6-4	212	Washington
6	Cox, Robert	OT	6-4	255	UCLA
6	Williams, Lynn	RB	6-2	215	Kansas
8	Jarecki, Steve	LB	6-2	217	UCLA
8	Goebel, Hank	OT	6-7	270	Fullerton St.
9	Watts, Elbert	DB	6-2	205	Southern Cal
10	Breeland, Garrett	LB	6-1	230	Southern Cal
11	Schwank, Chul	RB	5-11	213	South Dakota
12	Dupree, Marcus	RB	6-3	230	Oklahoma

ATLANTA FALCONS

After consecutive 4-12 seasons, the Atlanta Falcons are trying a new and different approach. They plan to be led to the promised land by a nose tackle. They drafted Tony Casillas of Oklahoma higher than any other nose tackle has ever been drafted—second in the land. If the Falcons' scheme works, a new cliché will be born: "You can't win without a good nose tackle."

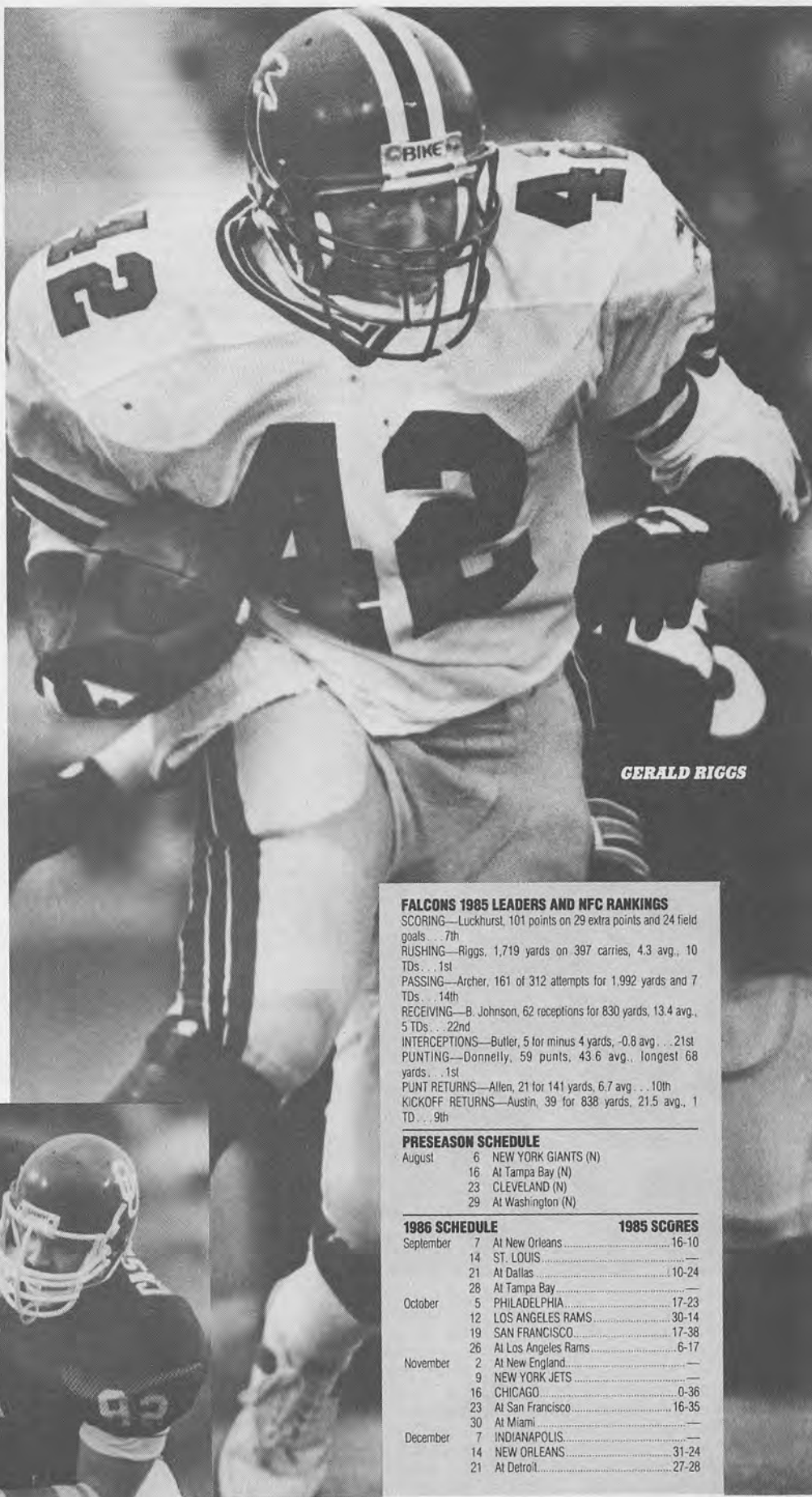
Teams used to talk about quarterbacks that way. The Falcons finished 27th in the league in passing last year, which would indicate a need for help on offense. Yet the team's second-round draft choice was Syracuse linebacker Tim Green. It is not as backward as it might seem. The Falcons also finished 27th in pass defense and they are merely trying to resurrect another cliché: "You can't win without defense." Coach Dan Henning hired respected defensive coordinator Marion Campbell to install the 3-4 defense, and Casillas and Green are two vital ingredients.

At quarterback, Henning traded for Turk Schonert, who never got a chance to show what he might do at Chicago or Cincinnati. Observers wondered why the Falcons didn't make Purdue quarterback Jim Everett their No. 1 pick. Perhaps the memory of Steve Bartkowski lingers. The Falcons made Bartkowski their No. 1 choice in 1975. Although he gave Atlanta a productive career, he never was able to catapult the Falcons over the top. This time, they will try a new rebuilding method.

With Gerald Riggs to run the ball as few others do, Schonert and holdover quarterbacks Dave Archer and Bob Holly can hand off until the defense becomes respectable. If that happens soon enough, Henning will be around to worry about fancy things like passing, catching, and scoring. Since Henning must plug the leaks on defense before he concentrates on his specialty, a look at Campbell's new system is in order.

Last year, the Falcons often tried to copy the high-risk defense of the Chicago Bears without benefit of Chicago's low-risk personnel. The result was often catastrophic as the Falcons allowed a club-record 32 touchdown passes. Injuries also hurt. By the second week of the season, half of the team's six defensive backs were knocked out for major portions of the year. Campbell's approach allows for less risk and more protection against big plays.

In changing from a four-man line to the three-man line, the Falcons will overhaul one



GERALD RIGGS

FALCONS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

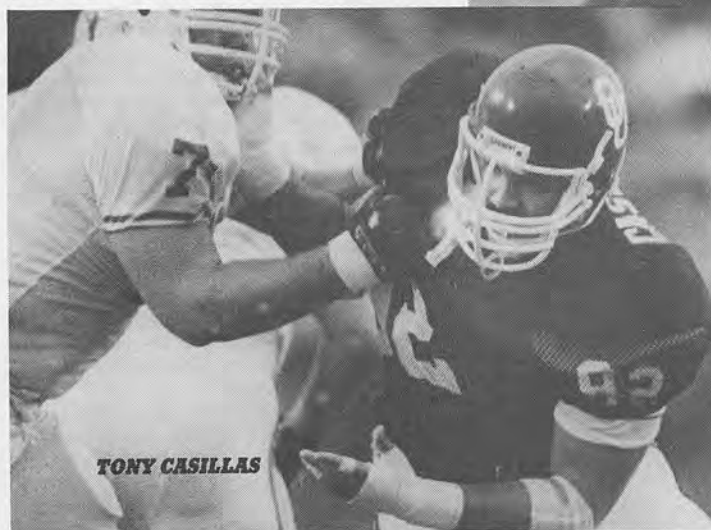
SCORING—Luckhurst, 101 points on 29 extra points and 24 field goals... 7th
 RUSHING—Riggs, 1,719 yards on 397 carries, 4.3 avg., 10 TDs... 1st
 PASSING—Archer, 161 of 312 attempts for 1,992 yards and 7 TDs... 14th
 RECEIVING—B. Johnson, 62 receptions for 830 yards, 13.4 avg., 5 TDs... 22nd
 INTERCEPTIONS—Butler, 5 for minus 4 yards, -0.8 avg... 21st
 PUNTING—Donnelly, 59 punts, 43.6 avg., longest 68 yards... 1st
 PUNT RETURNS—Allen, 21 for 141 yards, 6.7 avg... 10th
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Austin, 39 for 838 yards, 21.5 avg., 1 TD... 9th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	6	NEW YORK GIANTS (N)
	16	At Tampa Bay (N)
	23	CLEVELAND (N)
	29	At Washington (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7	At New Orleans..... 16-10
	14	ST. LOUIS.....
	21	At Dallas..... 10-24
	28	At Tampa Bay.....
October	5	PHILADELPHIA..... 17-23
	12	LOS ANGELES RAMS..... 30-14
	19	SAN FRANCISCO..... 17-38
	26	At Los Angeles Rams..... 6-17
November	2	At New England.....
	9	NEW YORK JETS.....
	16	CHICAGO..... 0-36
	23	At San Francisco..... 16-35
	30	At Miami.....
December	7	INDIANAPOLIS.....
	14	NEW ORLEANS..... 31-24
	21	At Detroit..... 27-28



TONY CASILLAS

of the most reliable areas of their team. Rick Bryan, Mike Pitts, Dan Benish, and Mike Gann all started every game last season, left to right. With Casillas aboard, Pitts and Benish will have to make room in the middle. Bryan and Gann likely will remain on the wings and Pitts will be used in pass-rushing situations. Pitts and Bryan shared last season's sack lead with 7½ apiece.

At linebacker, Green cannot solve the problems by himself. Although he seems particularly suited to join veteran Buddy Curry at one of the inside spots, Green was an outstanding

coaches. Benson is the team's fastest line-backer. John Rade and Al Richardson have been the primary starters on the outside for the last two seasons, with David Frye backing up at both places. But Campbell needs better quickness and better covering ability. Johnny Taylor was a part-time starter who could provide more speed, and the Falcons even traded to get Joel Williams back in hopes he could regain some of the magic he once had.

In the secondary, the Falcons need better luck in the X-ray department. In one nightmarish trip to San Francisco last season, corner-

back James Britt broke a leg and missed the remainder of the season, safety Kenny Johnson broke his shoulder blade and missed 11 games, and safety Tiger Greene sprained a knee and was out a month. Britt will have to work to regain his right-corner job from replacement Wendell Cason, now a second-year veteran with 57 tackles and 3 interceptions on his résumé. Left cornerback Bobby Butler remains durable despite his slight build, which gives him trouble tackling. Johnson and Scott Case look solid at safety, with Greene now a seasoned second-year man.

A good running game is a prerequisite of good defense, and the Falcons were third in the league in rushing last season. Riggs carried the ball 397 times, more than anyone else in the league, and did not fumble once. His 1,719 yards won the NFC rushing title. He was 30 yards short of AFC leader Marcus Allen, but Riggs missed much of week 15 with a knee sprain. He packs the power and durability necessary to make Henning's one-back attack work. He was complemented by little Joe Washington, who has put spark into similar offenses in San Diego and Washington. The man is 33 years old, but he still can move. As a third-down back, Washington was second on the team in catches. William Andrews, once called the best all-round back in the game, has spent two years rehabilitating from a knee injury. He will give it one more try.

Schonert provides experience at quarterback even though he never has been a full-time starter. In Archer, the Falcons had the NFL's top rushing quarterback, but too many of his 347 yards were gained running for his life instead of the goal line. His mobility is a welcome relief from Bartkowski's style, which can put too much of a burden on even the best offensive lines.

When healthy, the Falcons have one of the best. But over the last two years, the healthiest blocker of the bunch has been 40-year-old center Jeff Van Note, the oldest player in the league. Van Note, still effective, is surrounded by youth and bulk. Right guard Bill Fralic got Pro Bowl votes despite his rookie status last year. He was shifted between tackle and guard and demonstrated he can play either at an all-pro level. His next holding penalty will be his first, a remarkable achievement for so young a player. The development of huge 6-7, 295-pound right tackle Brett Miller enabled Fralic to stay at guard. Left tackle Mike Kenn missed his first Pro Bowl in five years when he suffered torn knee ligaments late last year. Left guard John Scully received the line's best technical grade (ability to beat your man), 86.2 percent. Wayne Radloff is Van Note's backup, but at 25 he can't wait forever. Eric Sanders, Joe Pellegrini, Chuck Thomas, and Glen Howe are veteran reserves.

The receiving department needs help. Last year's leader was 34-year-old Billy Johnson, whose white shoes have yet to fade much. Stacey Bailey caught only 30 passes, none for touchdowns, and veteran Charlie Brown nursed injuries. Employment applications are welcome. Tight end Arthur Cox leads the club in consecutive starts, with 34. His blocking and the blocking of H-back Cliff Benson are vital to Riggs's success.

Mick Luckhurst is an accurate place-kicker and Rick Donnelly and Ralph Giacomarro will vie for the punting spot. Improvement is required in kick returns.



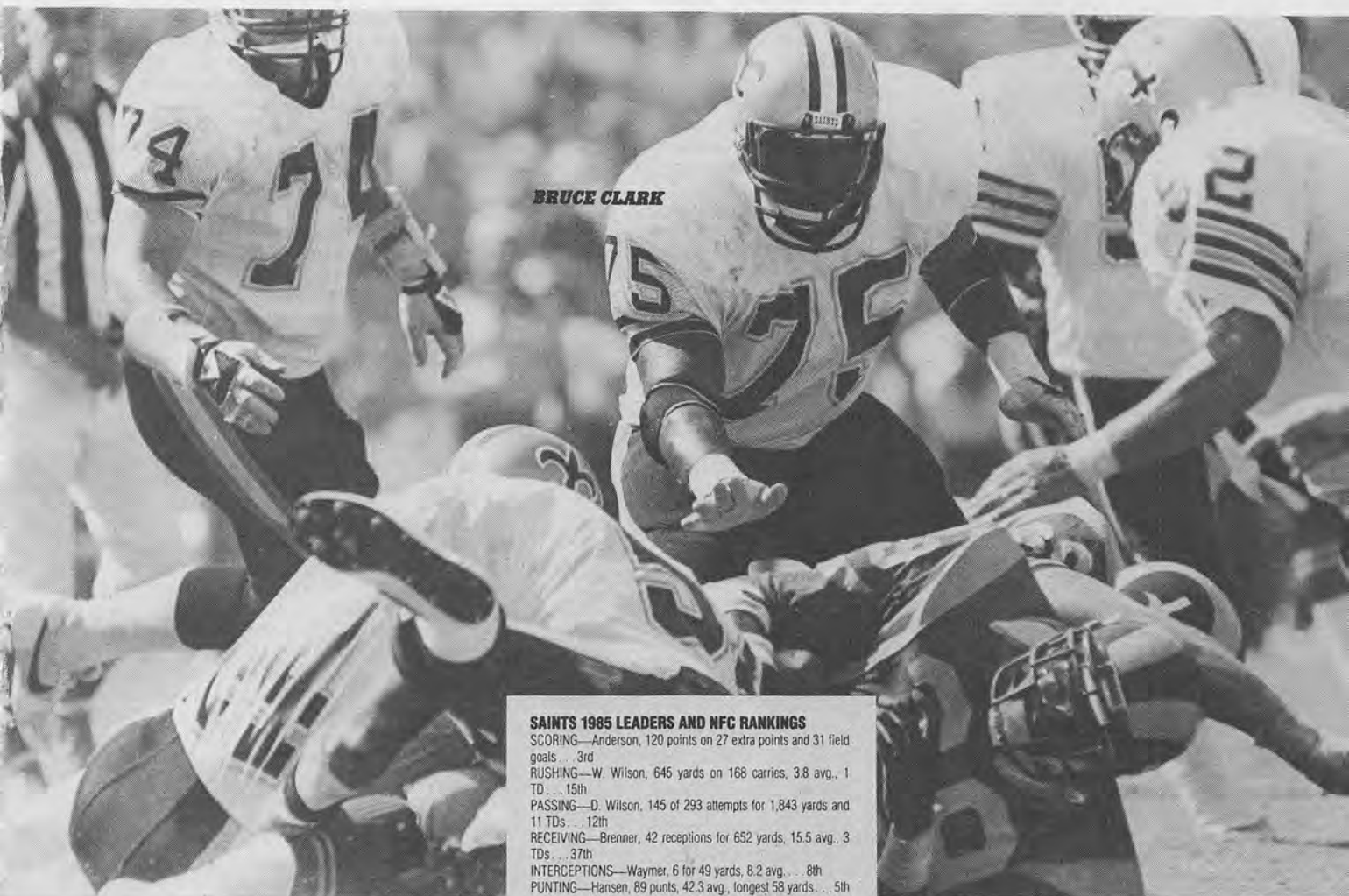
pass rusher at Syracuse and gave fits to scouts trying to decide whether he is better at linebacker or down lineman. In Atlanta, perhaps he can play both. Curry has led the Falcons in tackles every year since his 1980 rookie season. The problem Campbell faces is on the outside, where Ronnie Washington, Thomas Benson, and ex-Eagle Reggie Wilkes have the inside track. Washington started a game inside last year and showed enough aggressiveness to catch the eyes of the

FALCONS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
85	Allen, Anthony	WR	5-11	182	27	2	Washington
31	Andrews, William	RB	6-0	213	31	6	Auburn
16	Archer, Dave	QB	6-2	203	24	3	Iowa St.
39	Austin, Cliff	RB	6-0	207	26	4	Clemson
38	Ayres, John	CB	5-11	187	23	1	Illinois
82	Bailey, Stacey	WR	6-0	157	26	5	San Jose St.
69	Benish, Dan	DT	6-5	280	25	4	Clemson
87	Benson, Cliff	TE	6-4	238	25	3	Purdue
53	Benson, Thomas	LB	6-2	235	25	3	Oklahoma
26	Britt, James	CB	6-0	185	26	4	LSU
	Brown, Aaron	LB	6-2	230	30	4	Ohio State
89	Brown, Charlie	WR	5-10	184	28	5	S.C. St.
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	270	24	3	Oklahoma
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	170	27	6	Florida St.
25	Case, Scott	S	6-0	178	24	3	Oklahoma
20	Cason, Wendell	CB	5-11	183	23	2	Oregon
88	Cox, Arthur	TE	6-2	255	25	4	Texas Southern
30	Croulup, David	DB	5-8	180	27	3	San Diego St.
50	Curry, Buddy	LB	6-4	222	28	7	North Carolina
3	Donnelly, Rick	P	6-0	184	24	2	Wyoming
79	Fralic, Bill	T	6-5	280	24	2	Pittsburgh
58	Frye, David	LB	6-2	218	25	4	Purdue
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	265	23	2	Notre Dame
1	Giacomarro, Ralph	P	6-1	194	25	4	Penn State
70	Goff, Willard	DT	6-3	265	25	2	W. Texas St.
33	Greene, Tiger	CB	5-10	184	24	2	W. Carolina
8	Holly, Bob	QB	6-2	190	26	5	Princeton
71	Howe, Glen	T	6-6	292	25	2	So. Mississippi
51	Jackson, Jeff	LB	6-1	228	25	3	Auburn
81	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	170	34	12	Widener
37	Johnson, Kenny	S	5-11	167	28	7	Mississippi St.
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	277	30	9	Michigan
63	Kiewel, Jeff	G	6-4	265	26	2	Arizona
80	Landrum, Mike	TE	6-2	231	25	2	So. Mississippi
18	Luckhurst, Mick	K	6-2	183	28	6	California
52	Malancon, Rydell	LB	6-1	227	24	2	LSU
93	Martin, Brent	C	6-3	255	23	1	Stanford
49	Matthews, Alama	TE	6-2	230	25	4	Vanderbilt
62	Miller, Brett	T	6-7	290	28	4	Iowa
64	Pellegrini, Joe	OL	6-4	264	29	5	Havard
74	Pitts, Mike	DT	6-5	277	26	4	Alabama
27	Pridemore, Tom	S	5-11	186	30	9	West Virginia
72	Provence, Andrew	DE	6-3	267	25	4	South Carolina
59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	220	26	4	Boise State
55	Radloff, Wayne	OL	6-5	263	25	2	Georgia
56	Richardson, Al	LB	6-3	222	29	7	Georgia Tech
42	Riggs, Gerald	RB	6-1	232	26	5	Arizona State
67	Sanders, Eric	T	6-7	280	28	6	Nevada-Reno
14	Schonert, Turk	QB	6-1	196	29	7	Stanford
32	Scott, Lindsay	WR	6-1	200	26	5	Georgia
61	Scully, John	G	6-6	265	28	6	Notre Dame
29	Stamps, Sylvester	RB	5-7	166	25	3	Jackson St.
96	Taylor, Johnny	LB	6-4	235	26	3	Hawaii
66	Thomas, Chuck	OL	6-3	277	26	2	Oklahoma
22	Thomas, Sean	DB	5-11	190	24	2	TCU
32	Tyrell, Tim	RB	6-1	201	25	3	No. Illinois
57	Van Note, Jeff	C	6-2	264	40	18	Kentucky
36	Wagner, Dan	DB	5-10	180	27	5	Kansas
24	Washington, Joe	RB	5-10	179	33	10	Oklahoma
92	Washington, Ronnie	LB	6-1	236	23	2	NE Louisiana
45	Whisenant, Ken	TE	6-2	233	24	2	Georgia Tech
	Wilkes, Reggie	LB	6-4	235	30	9	Georgia Tech
	Williams, Joel	LB	6-1	225	30	8	Wis.-La Crosse

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Casillas, Tony	NT	6-3	277	Oklahoma
1	Green, Tim	DE	6-2	249	Syracuse
6	Dixon, Floyd	WR	5-9	170	Stephen Austin
6	Williams, Keith	RB	5-9	180	SW Missouri St.
8	Hudgens, Kevin	DE	6-3	275	Idaho State
9	Starks, Kevin	TE	6-4	219	Minnesota
10	Baker, Tony	RB	5-10	175	East Carolina
11	Hegg, Chris	QB	6-4	212	NE Missouri St.
12	Griffin, Steve	WR	5-11	178	Purdue



BRUCE CLARK

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Things are new in New Orleans again. Owner Tom Benson hired general manager Jim Finks, who hired coach Jim Mora. Mora the same? The Saints had a draft and then fired their scouts. It seems like it should have been the other way around, but the Saints have a backward history.

"I have felt for years that this franchise has the potential of being the very best in the NFL," said Finks upon his arrival.

Finks has a reputation for being astute, but a statement like that indicates nothing short of clairvoyance. The Saints never have had a winning season. Ever. And in only 20 years, their history already seems ancient. Finks built winners in Minnesota and in Chicago using the Rome theory. It took more than a day. Quickly, he established the same slow but sure pattern in New Orleans by making an offensive tackle his first draft choice.

Virginia's 300-pound Jim Dombrowski isn't going to make the Saints winners in 1986 by himself, but he is likely to be around to see it when the Saints do become winners. If nothing else, Dombrowski provides the Saints with a good football name. They have needed this for most of the life of the franchise. Right tackle Stan Brock is an exception to the rule that seems to have guided Saints' personnel decisions from the start. A team with tackles named Brock and Dombrowski has a chance. But for years the Saints tried to win with names like Jubilee Dunbar and D'Artagnan

SAINTS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Anderson, 120 points on 27 extra points and 31 field goals... 3rd
RUSHING—W. Wilson, 645 yards on 168 carries, 3.8 avg., 1 TD... 15th
PASSING—D. Wilson, 145 of 293 attempts for 1,843 yards and 11 TDs... 12th
RECEIVING—Brenner, 42 receptions for 652 yards, 15.5 avg., 3 TDs... 37th
INTERCEPTIONS—Waymer, 6 for 49 yards, 8.2 avg., 8th
PUNTING—Hansen, 89 punts, 42.3 avg., longest 58 yards... 5th
PUNT RETURNS—Tullie, 17 for 141 yards, 8.3 avg., unranked
KICKOFF RETURNS—Anthony, 23 for 476 yards, 20.7 avg., 10th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	9	At Denver (N)
	16	NEW ENGLAND (N)
	23	At Houston (N)
	30	KANSAS CITY (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September	7	ATLANTA	10-16
	14	GREEN BAY	14-38
	21	At San Francisco	20-17
	28	At New York Giants	13-21
October	5	WASHINGTON	—
	12	At Indianapolis	—
	19	TAMPA BAY	20-13
	26	At New York Jets	—
November	2	SAN FRANCISCO	19-31
	9	LOS ANGELES RAMS	29-3
	16	At St. Louis	16-28
	23	At Los Angeles Rams	10-26
	30	NEW ENGLAND	—
December	7	MIAMI	—
	14	At Atlanta	24-31
	21	At Minnesota	30-23

Martin, Tinker Owens and Emanuel Zanders. Even now, Dombrowski joins a club with names like Guido and Hokie and Hoby.

The most important name on the roster, however, is Bobby Hebert. He is the perfectly-named quarterback to lead New Orleans to a winning season. Hebert, an acquisition from the USFL, played the last six games last season and caught the eye of coaches and fans alike. He already had caught the eye of management by signing a whopping contract. Under Mora, who is familiar with Hebert from their common USFL experience, Hebert has the in-

side track on veterans Dave Wilson and Richard Todd. In his short stint last season, he threw more touchdown passes (5) than interceptions (4), unusual for Saints' quarterbacks.

There are other important names in the Saints' future. Three are Dalton Hilliard, Rueben Mayes, and Barry Word. They are rookie running backs expected to make Earl Campbell a name of the past. Campbell fooled Bum Phillips until Phillips became an ex-coach. The Earl was great, which was sometime back along the road. Except for a burst of 160 yards in 35 carries against the Minnesota Vikings, Campbell was a below-average back in a below-average backfield. At least Campbell and fullback Wayne Wilson were healthy, the only such backs on the roster going into the draft. That's why they came out with three prospects. Two starters, it is hoped, will emerge.

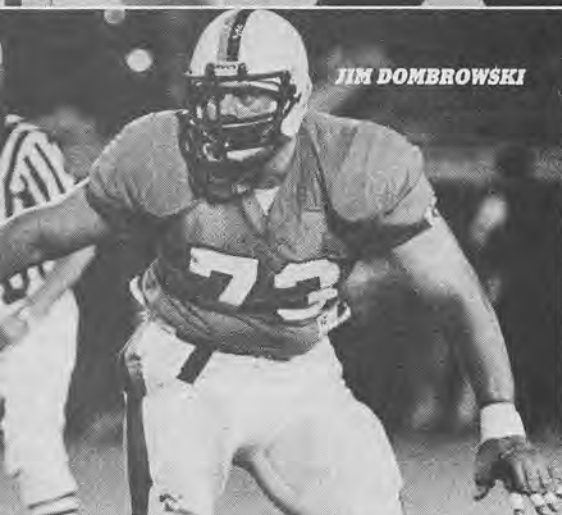
Hilliard is an exciting little performer familiar to Saints' fans from his days at LSU. Mayes is a fast, productive Canadian who just started to learn about big-time football at Washington State. Virginia's Word, a fast former hurdler, is another developing prospect who is big enough at 220 to handle the fullback spot, although Wilson will not be eager to give it up. Of the three new backs, Hilliard is likely to make the quickest impact. Only 5-8, 196 pounds, he is in the mold of Greg Pruitt, Lionel James, and Stump Mitchell and could help the Saints improve from their No. 19 rushing rank. Hokie Gajan, one of the the NFL's more



EARL CAMPBELL



JIM WILKS



JIM DOMBROWSKI



LARRY BRENNER

underrated players, is struggling back from extensive knee surgery and may yet be out.

Tight end Hoby Brenner led the Saints in receiving with 42 catches. He is backed up by John Tice, who had 24 catches, and Larry Hardy, who had 15. The wide receivers caught only a few more than that, which accounts for the Saints finishing 24th in pass offense. Starting wideouts Eric Martin and Eugene Goodlow are backed up by Jeff Groth. All could get competition from draft pick Kelvin Edwards, another prospect with raw talent and great potential. He is a tough, fast athlete who played at Liberty Baptist, where his last

two games were rained out. If Edwards needs seasoning, he can get it returning kicks.

Dombrowski is expected to step in as the starter on the left side of the line, where Jim Rourke played last year after replacing Dave Lafary. Daren Gilbert, last year's No. 2 choice, also is a candidate. The competition should result in improvement. Left guard Brad Edelman and center Steve Korte look set, although backup Joel Hilgenberg is good enough to start at either spot. Right guard Ralph Williams will get pushed by Kelvin Clark, who is coming off an ankle injury. Brock is steady at right tackle.

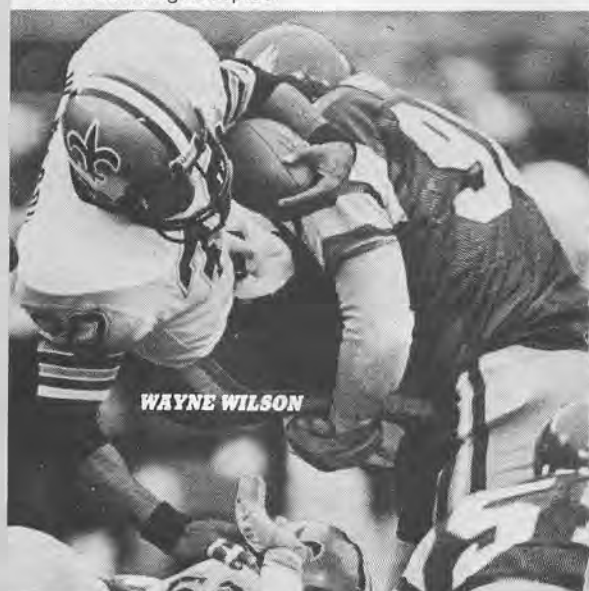
On defense, the Saints plummeted from fourth to 24th in one year with essentially the same players. Mora will take the same group again and try to get them to bounce back. Left end Bruce Clark is a solid performer backed up by all-pro linebacker Rickey Jackson. Between them, they had 19½ sacks, 11 by Jackson. Nose tackle Tony Elliott returns. Right end will be a battle between Jim Wilks, coming off surgery, and James Geathers. Frank Warren backs up everywhere.

Inside linebacker Glenn Redd led the club in tackles, but he could get pushed for a job by third-round draft choice Pat Swilling of Georgia Tech. Inside backer Jack Del Rio proved he could play as a rookie. He was responsible for two touchdowns on fumble recoveries. Last year's No. 1 pick, Alvin Toles, has bulked up 15 pounds to 235 and is another prospect in the middle. James Haynes and Whitney Paul are penciled in on the right side, where more help is needed.

Cornerbacks Dave Waymer and Johnnie Poe better stay healthy, because there is a lack of depth behind them. In the middle of the secondary, the return of the injured Russell Gary to strong safety will allow his replacement, Terry Hoage, to battle Frank Watelet for the free-safety spot.

The Saints toppled from first to 23rd against the pass, but partly because they improved from 26th to 19th against the run. If a defense can't stop the run, the opposition doesn't bother to pass.

The Saints have an exceptional punter in Brian Hansen and place-kicker in Morten Andersen. They have the ability to win games. Kick-returning is another story. Applications are now being accepted.



WAYNE WILSON

SAINTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	college
7	Andersen, Morten	K	6-2	205	26	5	Michigan St.
37	Bennett, Rob	TE	6-5	250	24	1	West Virginia
85	Brenner, Hoby	TE	6-4	245	27	6	Southern Cal
67	Brock, Stan	T	6-6	288	28	7	Colorado
35	Campbell, Earl	HB	5-11	233	31	9	Texas
75	Clark, Bruce	DE	6-3	281	28	5	Penn State
68	Clark, Kelvin	G	6-3	273	30	8	Nebraska
50	Del Rio, Jack	LB	6-4	235	23	2	Southern Cal
63	Edelman, Brad	G	6-6	262	26	5	Missouri
99	Elliott, Tony	NT	6-2	300	27	5	N. Texas St.
43	Fowler, Bobby	FB	6-2	230	26	2	Louisiana Tech
46	Gajan, Hokie	FB	5-11	226	27	5	LSU
20	Gary, Russell	SS	5-11	196	27	6	Nebraska
97	Geathers, James	DE	6-7	267	26	3	Wichita St.
77	Gilbert, Daren	T	6-6	285	23	2	Cal St.-Fullerton
88	Goodlow, Eugene	WR	6-2	181	28	4	Kansas St.
86	Groth, Jeff	WR	5-10	181	29	8	Bowling Green
10	Hansen, Brian	P	6-3	218	26	3	Sioux Falls
87	Hardy, Larry	TE	6-3	246	30	9	Jackson St.
92	Haynes, James	LB	6-2	227	26	3	Miss. Valley
3	Hebert, Bobby	QB	6-4	215	26	2	NW Louisiana
61	Hilgenberg, Joel	OL	6-3	253	24	3	Iowa
24	Hoage, Terry	SS	6-3	199	24	3	Georgia
57	Jackson, Rickey	LB	6-2	239	28	6	Pittsburgh
21	Johnson, Earl	CB	6-0	190	23	2	South Carolina
23	Jordan, Buford	RB	6-0	218	24	1	McNeese
55	Kohlbrand, Joe	LB	6-4	242	23	2	Miami
60	Korte, Steve	C	6-2	271	26	4	Arkansas
64	Lafary, Dave	T	6-7	285	31	9	Purdue
84	Martin, Eric	WR	6-1	195	25	2	LSU
39	Maxie, Brett	DB	6-2	190	24	2	Texas Southern
19	Merkens, Guido	QB/WR	6-1	197	31	9	Sam Houston St.
80	Miller, Mike	WR	6-0	183	27	3	Tennessee
51	Paul, Whitney	LB	6-3	218	31	11	Colorado
53	Pelluer, Scott	LB	6-2	227	27	6	Washington St.
71	Perot, Peley	G	6-2	271	29	7	NW Louisiana
25	Poe, Johnnie	CB	6-1	194	27	6	Missouri
47	Rackley, David	CB	5-9	172	25	2	Texas Southern
58	Redd, Glen	LB	6-1	231	28	5	Brigham Young
70	Rourke, Jim	T	6-5	263	29	7	Boston
65	Schreiber, Adam	G	6-4	270	24	3	Texas
82	Tice, John	TE	6-5	243	26	4	Maryland
14	Todd, Richard	QB	6-2	212	33	11	Alabama
54	Toles, Alvin	LB	6-1	235	23	2	Tennessee
26	Tullis, Willie	CB	6-0	190	28	6	Troy State
42	Walker, Dwight	WR	5-9	189	27	4	Nicholls St.
73	Warren, Frank	DE	6-4	278	27	6	Auburn
49	Watelet, Frank	FS	6-0	185	28	6	Kansas
44	Waymer, Dave	CB	6-1	188	28	7	Notre Dame
17	Wheeler, Jerry	WR	6-0	190	25	1	NW Louisiana
94	Wilks, Jim	DE	6-5	265	28	6	San Diego St.
	Wilks, Reggie	LB	6-4	240	30	9	Georgia Tech
79	Williams, Ralph	T	6-3	270	28	4	Southern
18	Wilson, Dave	QB	6-1	188	28	5	Notre Dame
30	Wilson, Wayne	HB	6-3	220	29	8	Shepherd
80	Young, Tyrone	WR	6-6	192	26	3	Florida

DRAFTIES

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1	Dombrowski, Jim	OT	6-5	289	Virginia
2	Hilliard, Dalton	RB	5-8	196	LSU
3	Mayes, Rueben	RB	5-11	198	Washington St.
3	Swilling, Pat	LB	6-3	243	Georgia Tech
3	Word, Barry	RB	6-2	220	Virginia
4	Edwards, Kelvin	WR	6-2	192	Liberty
5	Sutton, Reggie	DB	5-10	175	Miami
6	Thompson, Rob	WR	5-9	174	Y'town St.
7	Fenerty, Gill	RB	6-0	193	Holy Cross
8	Moketisi, Filipo	LB	6-1	232	Utah
9	Jones, Merlon	LB	6-2	222	Florida A&M
10	Dumbauld, Joe	DE	6-4	259	Kentucky
11	Swoopes, Patrick	NT	6-3	262	Mississippi
12	Brown, Sebastian	WR	6-0	181	Beth-Cookman



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The number of quality running backs and linemen in this year's draft may signal a new conservatism and a greater reliance on the ground attack.

by **LARRY FELSER**
BUFFALO NEWS

THE POWER GAME

● Their names read like an all-pro casualty list: Billy Sims, John Riggins, Earl Campbell, Pete Johnson, William Andrews, Ted Brown, Wilbert Montgomery, Curtis Dickey, and Chuck Muncie. All are finished as professional stars or are on the verge of finishing. Approaching the end are O.J. Anderson, Eddie Lee Ivey, and . . . could that be Tony Dorsett?

Running backs are the Roman candles of professional football. They burn brightly, but they don't burn for long. Routine wear and tear shortens the careers of those skillful or fortunate enough to be able to withstand the punishments of their position.

For a time, it seemed that running backs were becoming a threatened species. Coaches selected other offensive options, such as the one-back formation, in which tight ends were far more important than fullbacks. In such a system, runners like Riggins and Eric Dickerson put on one-man shows. But the defensive schemes seem to have caught up to the one-back, and the young coaching gurus who chose that offense for their stab at success are themselves falling into the disposable category. Besides, there is a horde of ball-carriers headed for the NFL who may make conventional two-back offenses and conservative running games popular for many, if not most, National Football League teams again.

The good running backs aren't arriving alone, either. They will be accompanied by massive, highly skilled, young offensive linemen. Some top NFL scouts, in totting up their list of quality rookie candidates after the last college season, found that from 40 to 45 percent of their best 75 prospects were ball-carriers and offensive linemen.

THE BEST OF THE RUNNING BACKS

There are pro scouts who have been saying that Bo Jackson of Auburn was the best running back in the nation since his sophomore season. The quality of runner does not fall off much at all after Bo. Keith Byars may have faded slightly from memory because of the broken foot which ruined his senior season at Ohio State, but if he is anything near the power runner who gained 1,655 yards his junior season and scored 22 touchdowns, he could be a franchise player.

Remember when Eric Dickerson and Craig James came out of Southern Methodist together? There is something similar emerging from Louisiana State this year. Garry James was held in the background somewhat by the more exciting Dalton Hilliard, but James is a superb pro prospect. He gained just 567 yards his senior year, but his per-carry average was 5.4 yards. The scouts forecast major success in the pros when he plays a featured rather than a secondary part.

SMU did something of a reprise on the Dickerson-James number last season, splitting time between Reggie Dupard and underclassman Jeff Atkins. But Dupard still managed to lead the Southwest Conference in rushing, with 1,278 yards, in his reduced role.

There are a lot more: Neal Anderson of Florida, Ronnie Harmon of Iowa, Barry Word of Virginia, Hilliard, Rueben Mayes of Washington State, Darryl Clack of Arizona State, and Notre Dame's little star, Allen Pinkett.

Those are just the pure running backs. "What we haven't seen for a long time," says Hank Bullough, the Buffalo Bills' coach who was forced to use a pony backfield of Joe Cribbs and Greg Bell, "is a bunch of traditional power fullbacks, the sort of guys who can get you a yard or two when you need it."

Now John L. Williams comes out of Florida having been responsible for much of the success of Anderson and Lorenzo Hampton, who was the Miami Dolphins' No. 1 draft choice a year ago. Williams does everything a classic pro fullback is supposed to do—gain the short yardage, block for the speedy guys, and catch the ball skillfully. Kenneth Davis of Texas Christian missed most of last season in the wake of the Southwest Conference payola scandals, but he may be an even better prospect than Williams because of his superior speed and acceleration. Few people heard of Tom Rathman of Nebraska, but the ex-state high school high-jump champion was the lead blocker whose work helped give Doug DuBose of the Cornhuskers his reputation.

"Good runners and fullbacks were available in the fourth and fifth rounds of the draft this year," says Dick Steinberg, New England's chief scout.

The NFL's return to offensive conservatism and a more pronounced reliance on the ground game, especially two-back attacks, is partially the result of that reliable old football motivator—imitation. Cleveland, with a tightly restricted passing game which was supervised by either neophyte quarterback Bernie Kosar or veteran journeyman Gary Danielson, made it to the playoffs mainly because of a two-back ground attack. Kevin Mack and Ernest Byner combined for 2,106 yards and then virtually ran Miami off the field in the playoffs when Byner had a 161-yard day.

"Those guys like to take hits," said Dolphin nose tackle Mike Charles. "They get up, hand the ball to the referee without a word, and they're ready to go again." As productive as they were, neither Mack nor Byner came into the NFL with the sort of credentials the cream of this year's running back class brings with them.

Another good reason for developing sturdy running attacks came in the NFC playoff game between the Chicago Bears and the New York Giants. Little Joe Morris had been the catalyst for the Giants in the last part of the season and in the wild-card victory over the San Francisco 49ers. But Morris's day against the Bears ended when rookie William Perry

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Bo Jackson

Keith Byars



Ronnie Harmon

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who Cavaliers' coach George Welsh says "is the best big man I've ever coached." Not only is Dombrowski big, fast, and smart (he graduated with a 3.4 grade average in biology), but he was a 250-pound hockey defenseman in high school, which may account for his remarkably quick feet. "I body-checked a few guys over the boards," he admits.

Three other offensive linemen rated in Dombrowski's class, which is to say ultra-superior: 6-5½, 305-pound Brian Jozwiak of West Virginia, 6-5, 295-pound Doug Williams of Texas A&M, and 6-4, 278-pound John Rienstra of Temple, who has a pulling guard's speed and a defensive player's temperament. But those are just the bluest of the blue chippers. Major accomplishments are expected of Steve Wallace of Auburn, Will Wolford of Vanderbilt, Jeff Walker of Memphis State, Mike Haight of Iowa, Jim Juriga of Illinois, and Gene Chilton of Texas. Strong men Joe Milinichik of North Carolina State and J.D. Maarleveld of Maryland could join this group. There are some sleepers, as well, such as Gary Schippang of West Chester University and Tom Newberry of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, and a Canadian Hercules named Mike Schad,



Garry James

David L. Johnson

reached out and blasted him to the carpet in Soldier Field. "The Fridge made a pancake out of him," said Chicago's Richard Dent of Morris, who finished with just 32 yards.

The Giants' frustration against the Bears heightened the anticipation for this draft, with a large supply of enormous offensive linemen. New York played that game, as it did most of the season, without its prize offensive tackle, William Roberts, who was sidelined by injury. There was another missing part, 6-foot-4, 285-pound Gary Zimmerman, an USFL expatriate whom the Giants made their top pick in the supplementary draft two years ago. Roberts and Zimmerman could have made a difference in the Giants' postseason performances.

THE TOP OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

High-caliber, enormous blockers of the type Zimmerman and Roberts represent arrive by the carload this season. Consider 6-foot-5, 300-pound Jim Dombrowski of Virginia,



Neal Anderson

whose skills weren't polished at Queen's University but whose physical abilities excite the scouts.

"Look at Cincinnati," says one NFL pro scout. "They don't have great backs, but they have a viable running game because of those studs up front. They took Brian Blados on the first round [in '84], not because he was nifty, but because they knew he could just overpower guys, which he does."

The Bengals used first-round picks on such strong men as center Dave Rimington, tackle Anthony Munoz, and guard Blados and that has made their offense a sound one again. With Boomer Esiason at quarterback, the Cincinnati line has improved its pass-protection record. "You can do a lot of things when you have big, quality offensive linemen," says Seattle coach Chuck Knox.

The beauty part of having huge linemen coming into this draft is that some NFL teams have been caught with offensive lines out of sync with the times. "We had George Yarno at left tackle for us last year," points out Leeman Bennett, the Tampa Bay coach. "He played as well as a left tackle can play, but he weighs only 260 pounds. That's about his maximum weight. There were times when he just plain got overpowered because he should be playing guard at that size."

But even 260-pound guards may be passé in the NFL. Blados, 6-4 and 295 pounds, is now the ideal. A big, skilled offensive line isn't always the answer, though. Houston spent several years' worth of high draft choices on quality linemen

such as Pro Bowler Mike Munchak, Bruce Matthews, and Harvey Salem, but the Oilers haven't struck the right balance with their running backs, although they have tried hard. They traded with the Giants for Butch Woolfolk and signed Mike Rozier out of the USFL, but neither may have the talent of some of this year's rookie backs. Kansas City has been looking for the right back since the tragic death by drowning of Joe Delaney. The Chiefs' top pick of last year, Ethan Horton, did not look like the answer.

THE NFL'S NEEDIEST CASES

Pittsburgh—The Steelers are approaching a crisis. They don't have a consistent quarterback or speed backs and are trying to get by on small, nifty linemen whose forte is finesse.

Denver—The line, from tackle to tackle, averages 270-275 pounds per man, or about 30 pounds less than the likes of Dombrowski or Jozwiak. The Broncos have only one premier running back, Sammy Winder, and he is no racehorse.

Dallas—Put the Cowboys' line against a tough defense and it's a mismatch. Dorsett is aging and there has been no fullback of quality.

Minnesota—Last year the Vikings played without studs in the line and in the backfield.

Buffalo—The Bills tried to play with a 1970s' style line last year, even though they had some big kids on the bench. When short-yardage opportunities presented themselves, the Bills went to lunch. No power back.

Philadelphia—Strangers in the line, and fairly undersized ones at that. But Buddy Ryan zeroed in on the major problem when he took the team to Florida for a March mini-camp. "I don't see any Walter Payton," said the new coach.

For that matter, Payton is 32 years old and headed for his twelfth season, so the Bears have to think about retooling.

Some teams have enough of one thing (a sound and large offensive line), but not enough of the other (a game-breaking back). Don Shula saw the need to take the heat off quarterback Dan Marino with a running game in Miami last year, but even his No. 1 pick, Hampton, did not demonstrate that he is a back to fear. The Bengals get by with run-of-the-mill backs behind extraordinary linemen. There is some question in Seattle: Did Curt Warner regress some after the knee injury which kept him out of the 1984 season, or is it just that he doesn't play with linemen of Pro Bowl caliber?

The entire NFL picture should change with the influx of these outstanding runners, power backs, and linemen. It will be different, too, because of a changing attitude toward the one-back, which came into vogue after Washington won a Super Bowl with it. "The one-back is a good weapon as a situation formation," maintains Shula, who never has used it as his primary set. "But that's all it is—a specialty."

There is another factor which should make the running game more popular again in the NFL. In the history of the league, the pass rush was never a fiercer weapon than it was a year ago. There were 10 teams which recorded 50 or more quarterback sacks in 1985. But coaches are more interested in an adjoining statistic: a dozen teams allowed 50 or more sacks last season. Of that dozen, only three (the Jets, Giants, and Rams) made it to the playoffs. The conclusion: Passing can be a hazardous activity.

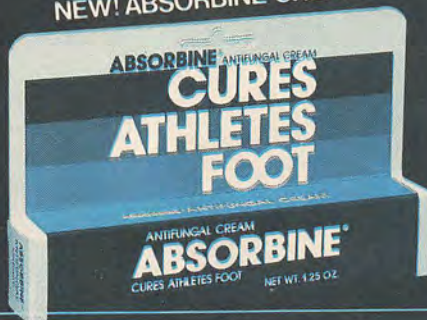
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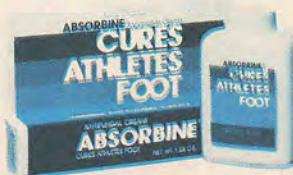


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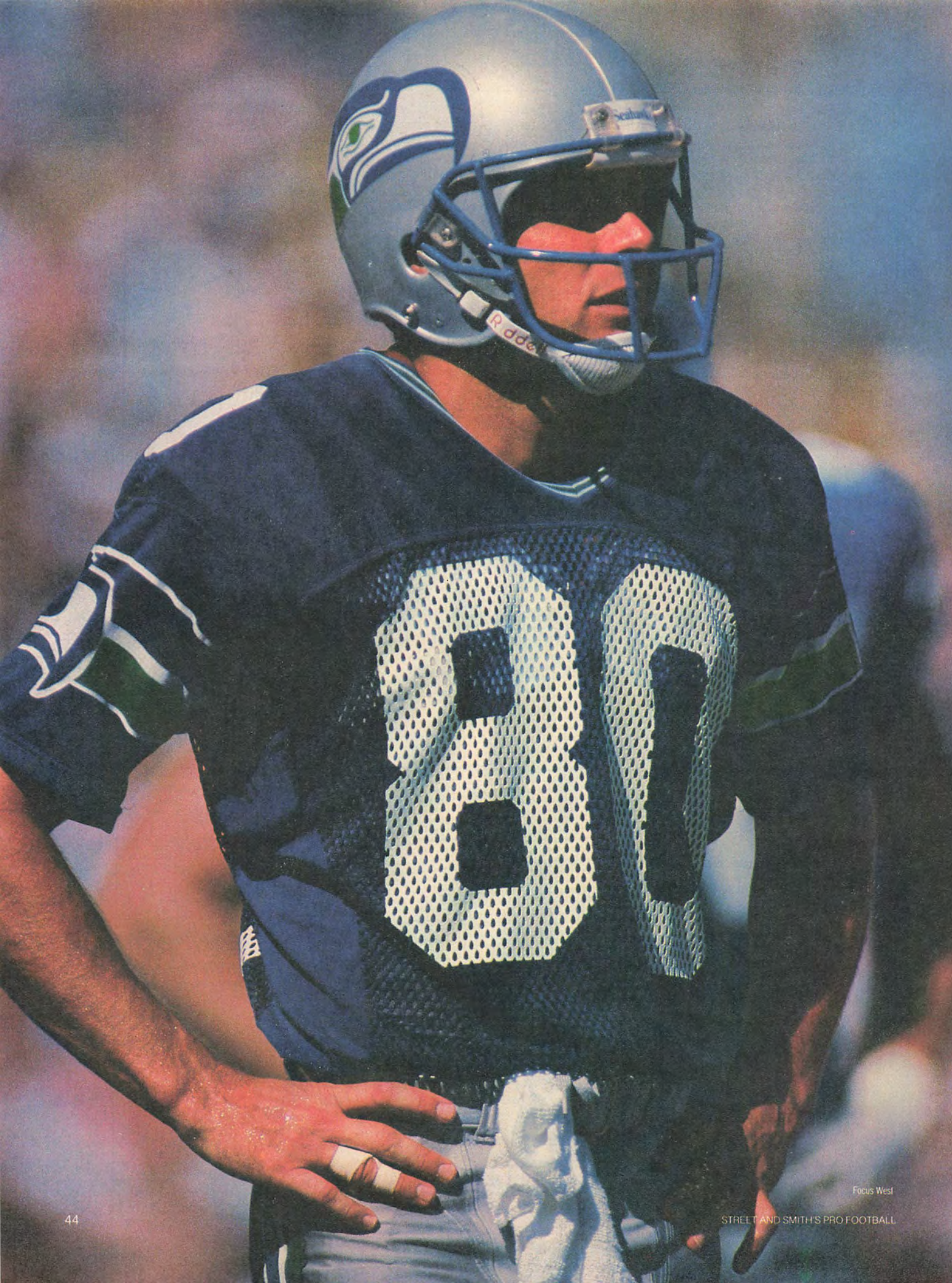


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Focus West

Defensive backs can't afford to take it easy on Mr. Largent, who has quietly become one of pro football's great receivers.

by **JOHN BLANCHETTE**

SPOKANE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

● Since the Seattle Seahawks developed into a playoff-caliber football team under coach Chuck Knox, people have begun to take notice of yet another resource that makes the Pacific Northwest so livable: the chance to see Steve Largent leave defensive backs in limbo every autumn Sunday.

The attention is something that Steve Largent finds a mixed blessing, and a year ago the mix was decidedly off. As the Seahawks stumbled in their bid for a third straight playoff appearance, the only obvious positive was the performance of Largent. His best season statistically—79 catches, a league-leading 1,287 yards—was coming at a time when his team was falling well short of expectations. And those 1985 numbers were pushing his career totals into territory populated only by Hall of Fame names—Charley Taylor, Raymond Berry—and some that should be.

"If you go by statistics, it was the best year I've ever had as a professional football player," Largent acknowledges. "But it was a very frustrating year. The preseason polls had us going to the Super Bowl. We weren't even in the playoffs."

No one was more frustrated than Largent, just as no one felt quite so delivered when the Seahawks emerged as a force in the league three years ago. As one of two original Seahawks remaining (cornerback Dave Brown is the other), he had seen the expansion franchise through lean years.

Consistency will be Largent's legacy, whether in the patterns he runs again and again in the relentless heat of a training camp or in the numbers produced by that repetition. Some of those: 624 career catches for 10,059 yards, both totals fifth on the all-time lists; 78 touchdowns, eighth in history, and a consecutive-game reception streak of 123. That leaves him four behind Harold Carmichael's record. An average season—64 catches, 1,000 yards, 8 TDs—will leave him second, third, and third on those NFL lists. Beyond that is San Diego's ageless wonder, Charlie Joiner. And the Hall of Fame.

"I don't like to dwell on that," Largent says. "Statistics can be so misleading. A receiver in particular can catch a lot of passes when the team's not doing well because you find yourself behind and having to throw the football more. Statistics to me aren't always an indication of how well somebody played."

Largent is not physically imposing. Receivers come taller than his 5-11, heavier than his 180 pounds, and faster than his 4.65 40-yard dash, run sometime back when he still had to put up with such nonsense. Like receptions and yards, vital statistics don't mean a lot to Largent either.

"Maybe I show how much overemphasis there is on certain physical abilities," he says. "Football involves a lot more than just running

a 40-yard dash in a straight line unmolested, and a lot more than being 6-foot-3 and 220 pounds. There is a cerebral side of football, and a quickness side, and some other qualities that are equally if not more important than how big you are or how fast you run."

Bum Phillips understands that. As coach and general manager of the Houston Oilers, he had chosen Largent in the fourth round of the 1976 college draft. But with streakers like Ken Burrough and Billy Johnson around to run under Dan Pastorini's passes, Largent's subtle charms were difficult to appreciate. Phillips waived him after four weeks, then reclaimed him and traded him to Seattle for an eighth-round draft choice on August 26.

Largent was humbled, but not heartbroken. "It was really disappointing, because it was the first time I can ever remember that I was on a team that said I wasn't good enough to play for them. When the Oilers told me I wasn't, I believed them."

Jerry Rhome believed otherwise. Rhome coached the Seahawks' quarterbacks and receivers then, but two years before he had been Largent's offensive coordinator at Tulsa. He had urged the Seahawks to draft Largent, raved about the Oilers' good judgment, and took the in-house teasing when his man was cut loose so soon. Still, he convinced Seattle to make the trade.

Former Seahawk quarterback Jim Zorn likes to recall Largent's first appearance in camp. Rhome ordered a pass route that called for tricky adjustments depending on the coverage. Skeptical that the newcomer knew the route, Zorn dropped back to throw, and discovered his target had made the adjustments flawlessly. He continued to make all the right adjustments, and in those days they were largely impromptu. The Seahawks of that era came up with daring, even daffy, ways of winning and losing. Zorn was quite possibly the perfect quarterback for the time, and in Largent he found not only his favorite target but a kindred spirit. Together they hawked milk on television and faith with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Those normally aren't the kinds of things to get a body in trouble, but Largent somehow managed. The American Civil Liberties Union protested talks by Largent and others at Seattle schools on the grounds that religion was the message. Later, he and Zorn took a stand against the NFL players' strike of 1982, basing their position on Christian principles. Now, Largent doesn't proselytize on street corners. He found his faith in high school, largely as a comfort from a childhood spent contending with his parents' divorce.

Last November, the fourth child of Steve and Terry Largent, son Kramer, was born with spina bifida, a developmental disorder of the spinal cord. Faith again was in the Largents'

corner, as was "an unbelievable amount of support of teammates, friends, and fans," according to Largent. The prognosis on Kramer Largent is optimistic.

The testing of Steve Largent goes on. Zorn, his road roommate and close friend, was released by Seattle last fall. And for all of his individual success (he's been selected to five Pro Bowls), the Seahawks have been in the playoffs just twice in his 10 years in the league. Yet he says, "I wouldn't trade all the years I've had in Seattle to play anywhere else." Not that the Seahawks would ever part with him. He's been their leading receiver in all 10 seasons of their existence, indeed, the object of their faith when all else, particularly the running game, fails.

Rarely do opposing teams find that two defenders are better than one in trying to cover him. Raider cornerback Lester Hayes, who dubs his rival "The Great Steve Largent," finds no reasonable hope of shutting Largent out. Denver's Louis Wright has been chasing Largent for most of his career and allows, "He may be the best." Seahawk teammate Ken Easley says there are no maybes about it. To call him an overachiever, though, sounds vaguely like an insult, as if Largent has no gifts whatsoever. Does that make all the world-class sprinters who can't hack it as NFL receivers underachievers?

"There's just more to the equation than outright speed and size," Largent says. "I guess I would consider myself an overachiever if the prerequisite is being big and fast and strong. I'm not any of those things."

That may be a myth Largent is loath to debunk. As teammate David Hughes says, "You ever hear a player call him slow? No way, man." Rhome, his former coach, says, "Go ask the defensive backs who try to cover him." Steve Moore, Seattle's offensive coordinator, says Largent has "football speed—that separates him from a defensive back long enough to make the catch." And Largent himself confesses that, "I can tell by the way they play me that most teams don't believe I'm slow."

At 32, however, Largent realizes he may be getting slower, and that the margin of error is not quite so great as it was. A year remains on his contract that earns him roughly \$700,000 a season, and Largent says it's "probable that I would play two more years (through 1987). To see me listed with Raymond Berry or Fred Biletnikoff or Don Maynard when my career is over will be very satisfying," he says. "Not only because of the statistics, but because of the way those guys played. They were guys who made the big catches."

Largent makes some big catches, too, and if people around the NFL are no longer surprised, he laughs and says, "I'm surprised every year." The biggest catch?

Well, for Seattle it was on August 26, 1976.

STEVE LARGENT CATCHES ON

NFC East

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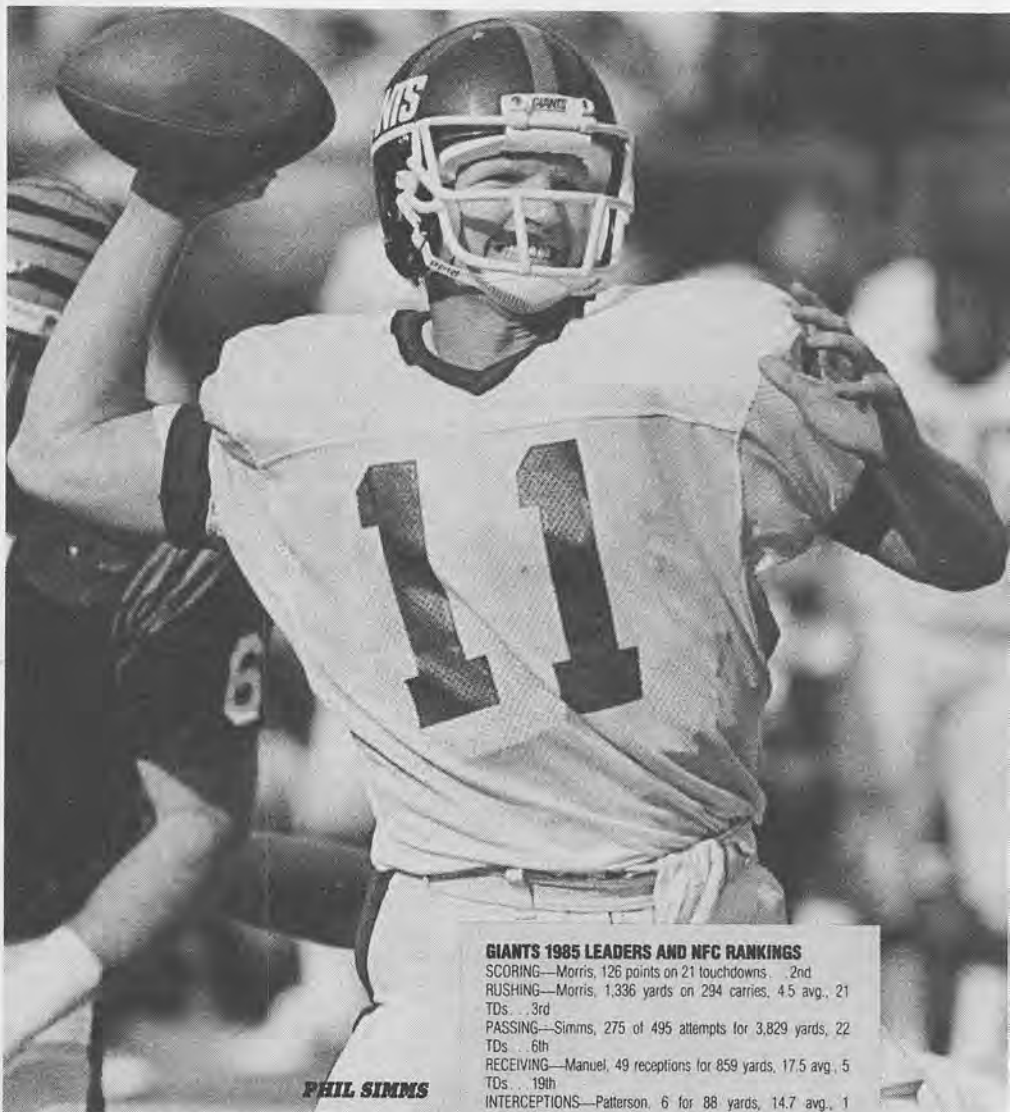
Until they ran into the Chicago Bears, the New York Giants had a pretty good season going for them last year. Under coach Bill Parcells they finished with a second straight winning record for the first time in 22 years. They had five players named to the NFC Pro Bowl, the most in 22 years. They set 11 team records and 13 individual records. They beat the defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers in the NFC wild-card game. Then along came the Bears to remind the league how far everybody else has to go.

The Giants' 21-0 loss to the Bears in the NFC semifinal allowed them a peek at the top, which history shows is not always so far away as it looks. In 1984 it was the Bears who lost, 23-0, to the 49ers in the NFC title game. They made their one giant leap in one season. Is it time for one Giant leap? First, the Giants have to figure out a way to catch the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC East.

The Bears preached the importance of the home-field advantage in the playoffs and then proved it to be true. The Giants have been wild-card playoff participants in three of the last five seasons. Although the playoffs have been a welcome respite from years of frustration in New York, the wild-card route is a risky way to get to the Super Bowl. The Giants lost six games last year by a total of only 20 points, including 30-29 and 28-21 games to the Cowboys. In both, turnovers proved the difference. After losing only 9 of 17 fumbles in 1984, the Giants lost 18 of 37 in 1985. In addition, opponents had returned only one interception for a touchdown in 1984, but they returned four for touchdowns in 1985 and three of those were directly responsible for defeats. The Giants must take the next step and secure the home field in the playoffs. That's easier said than done. Besides their tough NFC East schedule, they must face the AFC West. Their only consolation is that their NFC East rivals have to play the AFC West, too.

After finishing second to the Bears in overall defense, the Giants shocked outsiders by drafting six straight defensive players in the first three rounds. The Bears were more impressed than shocked. They wanted most of them for themselves, because they believe a team cannot have too many good defensive players. It is not as though the Giants' offense is in shambles. It finished fifth in the league in yardage. No other team, not even the mighty Bears, could boast an offense and a defense in the top five.

Quarterback Phil Simms was a major reason for the offensive improvement, although running back Joe Morris had the greatest single impact. Simms completed his second injury-free season in a row to coincide with the team's second straight playoff trip. He capped it off with an MVP performance in the Pro Bowl. Simms was so durable that neither backup Jeff Rutledge nor Jeff Hostetler got to throw a single pass in the regular season. Morris burst onto the scene with a 1,336-yard season including 21 touchdowns, both club records. Through his efforts, the Giants



PHIL SIMMS

jumped from 22nd to fourth in rushing. The 5-7 Morris had seven 100-yard games, including a 202-yard performance against the Steelers. He scored on runs of 65, 58, 56, and 41 yards, demonstrating speed belying his size. No other running back had so many long TD runs. George Adams, last year's No. 1 draft choice, also showed promise by gaining 1,128 all-purpose yards, including 498 rushing. At 225, he is big enough to complement Morris at fullback if Parcells moves Maurice Carthon or Rob Carpenter aside.

The Giants wanted a receiver in the draft, but didn't get a chance until they grabbed three in rounds five and six. Starters Lionel Manuel and Bobby Johnson produced for the second year in a row, but Parcells wants more striking power. Last year's No. 2 pick, Stacy Robinson, who spent most of his rookie year on injured reserve with a broken hand, could challenge Byron Williams and Phil McConkey for backup spots. Robinson is the fastest receiver on the roster.

GIANTS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Morris, 126 points on 21 touchdowns . 2nd
RUSHING—Morris, 1,336 yards on 294 carries, 4.5 avg., 21 TDs . 3rd
PASSING—Simms, 275 of 495 attempts for 3,829 yards, 22 TDs . 6th
RECEIVING—Manuel, 49 receptions for 859 yards, 17.5 avg., 5 TDs . 19th
INTERCEPTIONS—Patterson, 6 for 88 yards, 14.7 avg., 1 TD . 4th
PUNTING—Landeta, 81 punts, 42.9 avg., longest 68 yards . 3rd
PUNT RETURNS—McConkey, 53 for 442 yards, 8.3 avg., 6th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Adams, 14 for 241 yards, 17.2 avg., unranked

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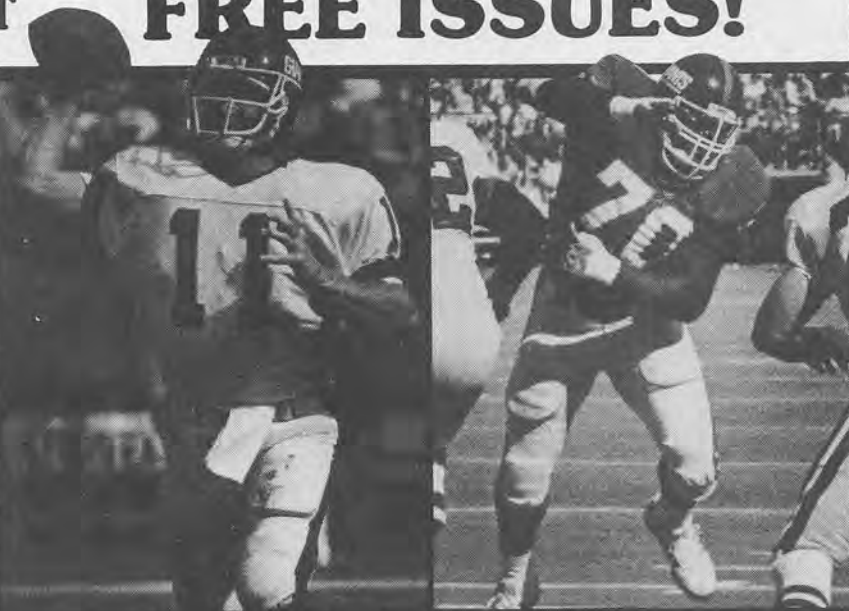
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Parcells has the potentially happy problem of too many good tight ends. When Zeke Mowatt went down with knee surgery last year, the Giants were terrified until rookie Mark Bavaro came through with 37 catches for 511 yards and four touchdowns. With Don Hasselbeck and Vyto Kab also on the roster, the Giants were as strong at tight end as any other team in the league.

The offensive line will welcome the return of tackle Bill Roberts from knee rehabilitation, which could allow versatile replacement Brad Benson to move back to guard, where Chris Godfrey and Billy Ard enjoyed good seasons. Former USFL center Bart Oates replaced Kevin Belcher after Belcher's career was cut short in a car accident. Right tackle Karl Nelson improved in his second season. Gordon King, David Jordan, and Conrad Goode back up this young unit that can only improve. At

times last year, Morris made his blockers look better than they were.

Instead of adding a receiver, the Giants nabbed Notre Dame defensive lineman Eric Dorsey with their first pick in the draft. He should start immediately at left end with Jim Burt at nose tackle and Leonard Marshall at right end. Marshall led the club with 15½ sacks. Specialist George Martin added 10 and pass-rushing linebacker Lawrence Taylor had 13. Curtis McGriff, Jerome Sally, Casey Merrill, and Dee Hardison will vie for backup jobs with other high draft choices Erik Howard of Washington State and John Washington of Oklahoma State.

Taylor must recover from a bout against drug abuse for the Giants to remain at their defensive pinnacle. With Taylor, Harry Carson, Byron Hunt, Gary Reasons, Andy Headen, Robbie Jones, and Carl Banks at linebacker, why did the Giants draft Ohio State's Pepper Johnson in the second round? There must be a reason. Carson is in his 11th year.

The Giants were able to pick up extra draft picks by trading USFL property Gary Zimmerman and unhappy cornerback Mark Haynes, neither of whom contributed last year. They strengthened their secondary with the addition of defensive back Greg Lasker of Arkansas. He could move to strong safety, where Bill Currier and Kenny Hill labored last year. Currier with a bad back. Elvis Patterson led the club with six interceptions, but other teams threw at him, as evidenced by his nickname of "Toast," as in burned toast. Right cornerback Perry Williams had another good year and free safety Terry Kinard is on the verge of all-pro. Kenny Daniel, Ted Watts, Herb Welch, and Larry Winters are among the reserve candidates.

If the Giants have any hope of improving, it will have to start with all phases of their special teams. Coverage and return averages were down and punting and kicking were below average. Punter Sean Landeta slumped late and capped his season by missing the ball to set up the Bears' first touchdown in the playoffs. Three place-kickers combined for a 22-of-33 record in field goals. Phil McConkey set a team record with 53 punt returns and averaged almost 20 yards on kickoff returns, but he needs help.



GIANTS VETERAN ROSTER

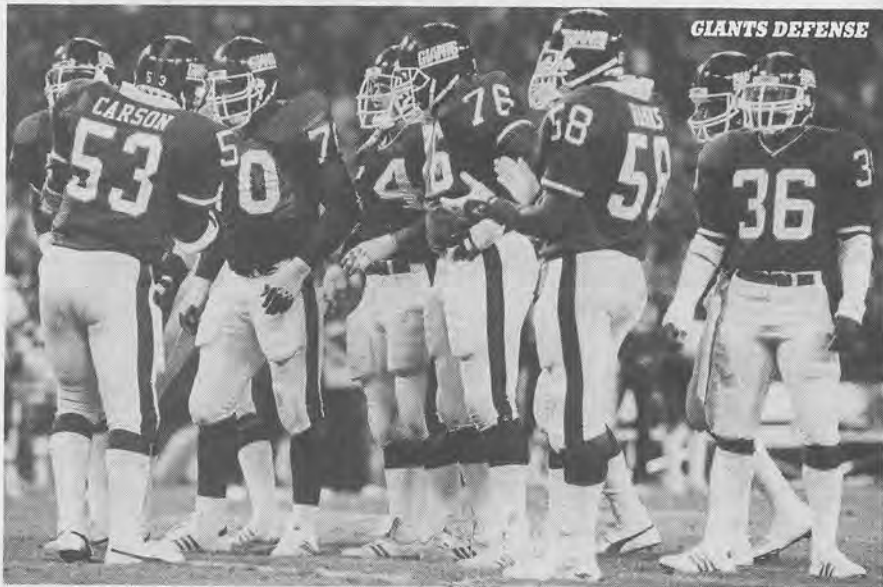
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33	Adams, George	RB	6-1	225	24	2	Kentucky
67	Ard, Bill	G	6-3	270	27	6	Wake Forest
58	Banks, Carl	LB	6-4	235	24	3	Michigan St.
89	Bavaro, Mark	TE	6-4	245	23	2	Notre Dame
60	Benson, Brad	T	6-3	270	31	9	Penn State
64	Burt, Jim	NT	6-1	260	27	6	Miami
26	Carpenter, Rob	RB	6-1	226	31	10	Miami (OH)
53	Carson, Harry	LB	6-2	240	33	11	S.C. St.
44	Carthon, Maurice	RB	6-1	225	25	2	Arkansas St.
24	Daniel, Kenny	CB	5-10	180	26	2	San Jose St.
39	Davis, Tyrone	CB	6-1	190	25	2	Clemson
30	Galbreath, Tony	RB	6-0	228	32	11	Missouri
61	Godfrey, Chris	G	6-3	265	28	4	Michigan
62	Goode, Conrad	T-C	6-6	285	24	3	Missouri
6	Haji-Sheikh, Ali	K	6-0	170	25	4	Michigan
79	Hardison, Dee	DE	6-4	274	30	9	North Carolina
85	Hasselbeck, Don	TE	6-7	245	31	10	Colorado
54	Headen, Andy	LB	6-5	242	26	4	Clemson
48	Hill, Kenny	S	6-0	195	28	6	Yale
15	Hostetler, Jeff	QB	6-3	212	25	3	West Virginia
57	Hunt, Byron	LB	6-5	242	28	6	SMU
88	Johnson, Bob	WR	5-11	171	25	3	Kansas
51	Jones, Robbie	LB	6-2	230	27	3	Alabama
69	Jordan, David	G	6-6	276	24	3	Auburn
82	Kab, Vyto	TE	6-5	240	27	5	Penn State
43	Kinard, Terry	S	6-1	200	27	4	Clemson
72	King, Gordon	T	6-6	275	30	8	Stanford
5	Landeta, Sean	P	6-0	200	24	2	Towson St.
86	Manuel, Lionel	WR	5-11	175	24	3	Pacific
70	Marshall, Leonard	DE	6-3	285	25	4	LSU
75	Martin, George	DE	6-4	255	33	12	Oregon
80	McConkey, Phil	WR	5-10	170	29	3	Navy
76	McGriff, Curtis	DE	6-5	276	28	7	Alabama
71	Merrill, Casey	DE	6-4	260	29	8	Cal-Davis
20	Morris, Joe	RB	5-7	195	26	5	Syracuse
84	Mowatt, Zeke	TE	6-3	240	25	3	Florida State
63	Nelson, Karl	T	6-6	285	26	3	Iowa State
65	Oates, Bart	C	6-3	265	28	2	Brigham Young
34	Patterson, Elvis	CB	5-11	188	26	3	Kansas
55	Reasons, Gary	LB	6-4	234	24	3	NW Louisiana
66	Roberts, Wm.	T	6-5	280	24	2	Ohio State
81	Robinson, Stacy	WR	5-11	186	24	2	N. Dakota St.
22	Rouison, Lee	RB	6-1	210	24	2	Colorado
17	Rutledge, Jeff	QB	6-1	195	29	8	Alabama
78	Sally, Jerome	NT	6-3	270	27	5	Missouri
3	Schubert, Eric	PK	5-8	193	24	2	Pittsburgh
11	Simms, Phil	QB	6-3	214	30	8	Morehead St.
56	Taylor, Lawrence	LB	6-3	243	27	6	North Carolina
21	Watts, Ted	CB	6-0	190	28	6	Texas Tech
27	Welch, Herb	DB	5-11	180	25	2	UCLA
87	Williams, Byron	WR	6-2	183	26	4	Texas Arlington
23	Williams, Perry	CB	6-2	203	25	3	N.C. St.

DRAFTES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Dorsey, Eric	DT	6-5	263	Notre Dame
2	Collins, Mark	DB	5-10	189	Fullerton St.
2	Howard, Erik	DT	6-4	268	Washington St.
2	Johnson, Thomas	LB	6-3	247	Ohio St.
2	Lasker, Greg	DB	6-0	200	Arkansas
3	Washington, John	DE	6-4	275	Oklahoma St.
5	Warren, Vince	WR	6-0	190	San Diego St.
6	Brown, Ron	WR	5-10	186	Colorado
6	Miller, Solomon	WR	6-1	185	Utah State
7	Francis, Jon	RB	5-11	205	Boise St.
8	Cisowski, Steve	OT	6-5	275	Santa Clara
9	Luebbers, Jim	DT	6-5	255	Iowa St.
10	Kimmel, Jerry	OT	6-2	250	Syracuse
11	Lynch, Len	OG	6-2	270	Maryland



JOE MORRIS



GIANTS DEFENSE

DALLAS COWBOYS

The Cowboys won the NFC East again last year, but it wasn't a ho-hum occasion. "Nobody believed we could win the East," said coach Tom Landry. "And after we won it, they still don't believe it."

The Cowboys couldn't believe it themselves. They immediately reorganized major areas of their club. They relieved Gil Brandt of the task of negotiating player contracts and allowed him to concentrate on the draft. They assigned vice president Joe Bailey to contracts and planned to add a pro personnel director to monitor trade possibilities. In coaching, Landry added an offensive coordinator, Paul Hackett, for the first time. Dick Nolan was shifted from offense to defense to replace the departed Gene Stallings.

"We felt we needed to re-evaluate our organization," said Landry. "Sometimes you can stay too long with the same format."

Said general manager Tex Schramm: "When you've had the success we've had over the years, you are very reluctant to make dramatic changes. On the other hand, like any business, you have to use good judgment to determine when something isn't working right and make changes before it is broken."

Clearly, the Cowboys did not impress themselves with their 13th division title in 20 years. In fact, Landry was more impressed by the runner-up Giants. "I believe New York was the best in the East," said Landry. "We beat them somehow, but with Joe Morris's production and with their defense, they looked pretty tough." According to Landry, the Giants look tough again. "I see New York as a very, very strong football team," he said.

As for the poor Cowboys, they have too many problems and old players and just no depth. "Our lack of depth in key positions was very noticeable in the playoffs," said Landry. "We need better depth, especially at wide receiver, running back, and cornerback."

The Cowboys got an immediate jump on the Giants by trading up in the draft and grabbing UCLA receiver Mike Sherrard from under New York's nose. To hear Landry talk, that is only a start. "If we get somebody like Herschel Walker in here, it would give our team new optimism," he said. In the meantime, feeling sorry for the Cowboys is like sobbing with Exxon over falling oil prices.

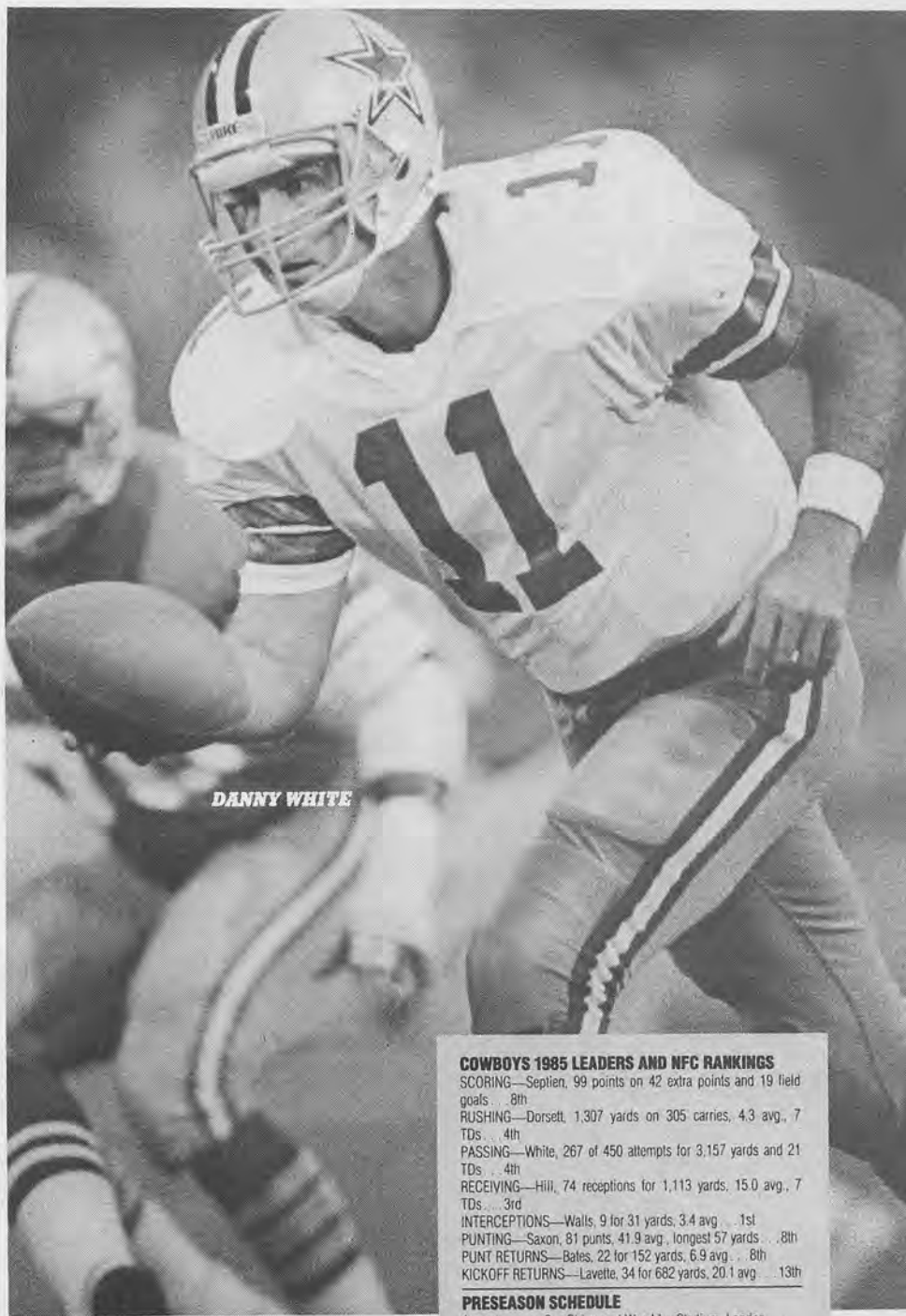
Despite all their advertised problems, the Cowboys do have a winning attitude. They lost to the Bears, 44-0, and beat the Eagles the following week. They lost to the Bengals, 50-24, and beat the Giants the following week for the East title.

"I don't think I've ever seen a team bounce back from blowouts like that," said Landry. "Usually when you get blowouts like we had, you have bad morale problems. That wasn't the case on our team. Guys were playing together and not blaming anybody else."

Not even quarterback Danny White got blamed as much as he usually does. The trade of Gary Hogeboom to Indianapolis again leaves White in the driver's seat, although last year's showing of young Steve Pelluer is likely to create another fan club.

"Danny had a lot of injuries last year and showed great courage in playing through them," said Landry. "He's always been a winner everywhere he's been. I don't see any reason why he shouldn't be a winner here again."

Sherrard is expected to provide White with



DANNY WHITE

the big-play target the Cowboys have wanted to team with Tony Hill, although Mike Renfro had a better season last year than any of the other receivers. Landry is high on the potential of second-year man Karl Powe, but the fast and talented Sherrard is the man the Cowboys are counting on for instant help. All-pro tight end Doug Cosbie is the kind of player Landry is looking for at every position. With Fred Cornwell backing him up, the Cowboys don't need three tight ends.

While passing and catching are all well and good, running is still the foundation of a good offense. Tony Dorsett still puts the go in the Cowboys. "Everything revolves around Dorsett," said Landry, who is scared to death that the 32-year-old, 5-11, 185-pounder is someday going to get either too old or too small.

COWBOYS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Septien, 99 points on 42 extra points and 19 field goals . . . 8th
RUSHING—Dorsett, 1,307 yards on 305 carries, 4.3 avg., 7 TDs . . . 4th
PASSING—White, 267 of 450 attempts for 3,157 yards and 21 TDs . . . 4th
RECEIVING—Hill, 74 receptions for 1,113 yards, 15.0 avg., 7 TDs . . . 3rd
INTERCEPTIONS—Walls, 9 for 31 yards, 3.4 avg. . . 1st
PUNTING—Saxon, 81 punts, 41.9 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 8th
PUNT RETURNS—Bates, 22 for 152 yards, 6.9 avg. . . 8th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Lavette, 34 for 682 yards, 20.1 avg. . . 13th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 3 Chicago at Wembley Stadium, London, England (12 PM CST)
9 At San Diego (N)
23 PITTSBURGH (N)
30 HOUSTON (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	8 NEW YORK GIANTS (N)	28-21
	14 At Detroit	21-26
	21 ATLANTA	24-10
	29 At St. Louis (N)	10-21
October	5 At Denver	—
	12 WASHINGTON	44-14
	19 At Philadelphia	14-16
	26 ST. LOUIS	35-17
November	2 At New York Giants	30-29
	9 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	—
	16 At San Diego	—
	23 At Washington	13-7
	27 SEATTLE	—
December	7 At Los Angeles Rams (N)	—
	14 PHILADELPHIA	34-17
	21 CHICAGO	0-44

"He's had a remarkable career. He's the best running back for his size I've ever seen."

Landry does not want Dorsett carrying such an inordinate amount of the rushing load, however. Fullback Tim Newsome averaged only 2.9 yards and a total of 252 yards, which won't cut it. "We need to have more solid production out of our fullback. Maybe we just didn't rely on him as much as we should have," said Landry. To provide better depth at running back, the Cowboys selected Darryl Clack of Arizona State in the second round. Second-year player Robert Lavette also showed promise until slowed by a knee injury.

A restructuring of the offensive line is another possibility after a season of injury and uncertainty. Landry calls the situation "wide open." Furthermore, he said, "Our tackle positions are the ones that will have to pick up." The Cowboys ended up with Chris Schultz at left tackle and Jim Cooper at right tackle. Landry has penciled in Howard Richards behind Schultz and former left-side starter Phil Pozderac behind Cooper. Guards Glen Titenor and Kurt Petersen and center Tom Rafferty provided "pretty good production," said

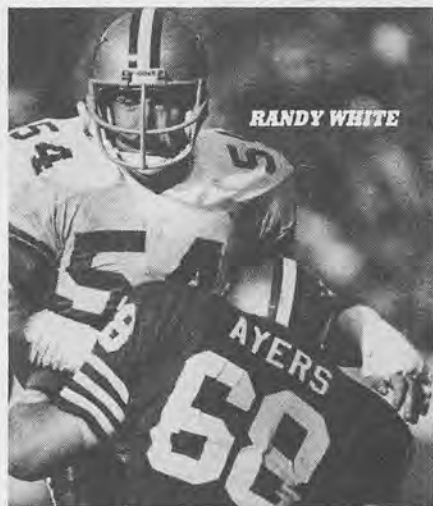
Landry, but that doesn't mean Brian Baldinger, Crawford Ker, or Broderick Thompson couldn't earn a job. "We need to pick five guys and say, 'Hey, it's your job.' If you end up moving them in and out all the time, you don't have a solid front line," said Landry.

Landry would prefer to see some of his veteran defensive linemen moved out. "Someone new has got to move into the defensive line. You can't go another year with two 35-year-olds [John Dutton and Ed Jones] and a 33-year-old [Randy White] in the starting line. If Kevin Brooks is a football player, he's got to move into the starting lineup this year, either at tackle or end," said Landry. Dutton's spot is the most likely, but Brooks didn't show much last year for a No. 1 draft choice. White and right end Jim Jeffcoat are solid and Don Smerek is a good backup. Third-rounder Mark Whalen of UCLA could become a factor.

At linebacker, Landry wants Jesse Penn to move into the starting spot on the right side in place of Jeff Rohrer, with Mike Hegman on the left and Eugene Lockhart in the middle. Steve DeOssie and Brian Salonen provide depth.

The secondary is small and not particularly strong against the run. Backup cornerback Victor Scott would be a better safety, Landry thinks, but that would leave starting cornerbacks Everson Walls, an all-pro, and Ron Fellows without proven help. Free safety Michael Downs and strong safety Dextor Clinkscale both had good years and Bill Bates and Dennis Thurman are better-than-average backups.

Punter Mike Saxon must improve his consistency. As for place-kicker Rafael Septien, the Cowboys like him, but only when healthy. They drafted Max Zendejas of Arizona in the fourth round. The Cowboys had the best punt-and-kickoff-coverage units in the league, and Lavette has a chance to be among league leaders in punt and kickoff returns.



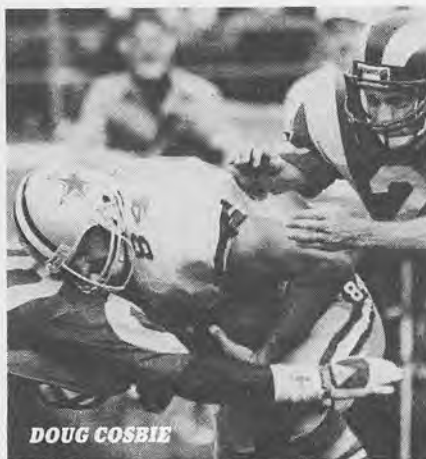
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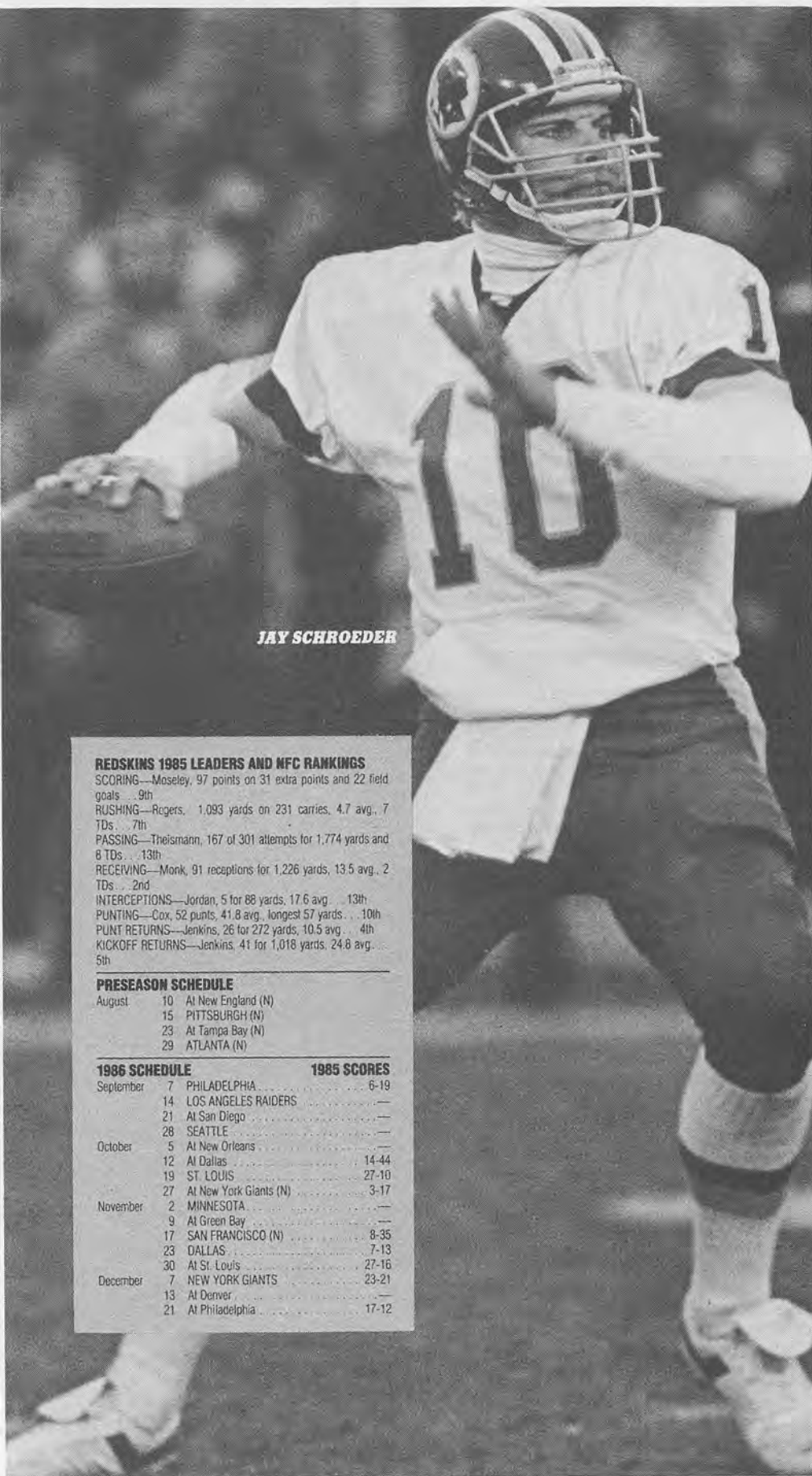
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40	Bates, Bill	S	6-1	199	26	4	Tennessee
99	Brooks, Kevin	DE	6-6	270	23	2	Michigan
47	Clinkscale, Dextor	S	5-11	195	28	6	S.C. State
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33	Dorsett, Tony	RB	5-11	185	32	10	Pittsburgh
26	Downs, Michael	S	6-3	204	27	6	Rice
86	Duckett, Keeny	WR	5-11	183	27	5	Wake Forest
78	Dutton, John	DT	6-7	268	35	13	Nebraska
27	Fellows, Ron	CB	6-0	180	28	6	Missouri
46	Fowler, Todd	FB	6-3	218	24	2	Stephen F. Austin
83	Gonzalez, Leon	WR	5-10	162	23	2	B. Cookman
28	Granger, Norm	RB	5-10	220	25	2	Iowa
58	Hegman, Mike	LB	6-1	228	33	11	Tenn. St.
80	Hill, Tony	WR	6-2	202	30	10	Stanford
77	Jeffcoat, Jim	DE	6-5	263	25	4	Arizona St.
72	Jones, Ed	DE	6-9	287	35	12	Tenn. St.
23	Jones, James	RB	5-10	203	28	6	Miss. St.
68	Ker, Crawford	G	6-3	293	24	2	Florida
29	Lavette, Robert	RB	5-11	199	23	2	Georgia Tech
56	Lockhart, Eugene	LB	6-2	234	25	3	Houston
30	Newsome, Timmy	FB	6-1	237	28	7	Winston-Salem
79	Patten, Joel	OL	6-6	240	28	2	Duke
16	Pelluer, Steve	QB	6-4	208	24	3	Washington
59	Penn, Jesse	LB	6-3	217	24	2	Virginia Tech
65	Petersen, Kurt	G	5-4	278	29	7	Missouri
81	Powe, Karl	WR	6-2	175	24	2	Alabama St.
75	Pozderac, Phil	T	6-9	282	27	5	Noire Dame
84	Rafferty, Tom	C	6-3	264	32	11	Penn State
62	Rendro, Mike	WR	6-0	189	31	9	TCU
70	Richards, Howard	G/T	6-6	262	27	6	Missouri
50	Rohrer, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	26	5	Yale
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60	Smerek, Don	DT	6-7	265	29	6	Nevada-Reno
67	Thompson, Broderick	G	6-5	280	26	2	Kansas
32	Thurman, Dennis	S	5-11	179	30	9	Southern Cal
63	Titenor, Glen	G	6-4	261	28	6	Brigham Young
71	Tuinei, Mark	C	6-5	270	26	4	Hawaii
24	Walls, Everson	CB	6-1	194	27	6	Grambling
11	White, Danny	QB	6-3	196	34	11	Arizona State
54	White, Randy	DT	6-4	272	33	12	Maryland

DRAFTTEES

rd.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	college
1	Sherrard, Mike	WR	6-2	185	UCLA
2	Clack, Darryl	RB	5-10	206	Arizona St.
3	Walen, Mark	DT	6-4	250	UCLA
4	Zendejas, Max	K	5-11	184	Arizona
6	Chandler, Thornton	TE	6-4	240	Alabama
6	Gelbaugh, Stan	QB	6-3	207	Maryland
6	Yancey, Lloyd	DT	6-4	275	Temple
7	Holloway, Johnny	WR	5-11	181	Kansas
8	Clemmons, Topper	RB	5-11	205	Wake Forest
9	Isorala, John	OG	6-2	260	Iowa St.
10	Chester, Bryan	OG	6-4	260	Texas
11	Jax, Garth	LB	6-2	225	Florida St.
12	Duliban, Chris	LB	6-2	216	Texas
12	Clack, Tony	DB	6-1	184	Georgia



JAY SCHROEDER

REDSKINS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Moseley, 97 points on 31 extra points and 22 field goals . . . 9th
 RUSHING—Rogers, 1,093 yards on 231 carries, 4.7 avg., 7 TDs . . . 7th
 PASSING—Theismann, 167 of 301 attempts for 1,774 yards and 8 TDs . . . 13th
 RECEIVING—Monk, 91 receptions for 1,226 yards, 13.5 avg., 2 TDs . . . 2nd
 INTERCEPTIONS—Jordan, 5 for 88 yards, 17.6 avg. . . 13th
 PUNTING—Cox, 52 punts, 41.8 avg., longest 57 yards . . . 10th
 PUNT RETURNS—Jenkins, 26 for 272 yards, 10.5 avg. . . 4th
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Jenkins, 41 for 1,018 yards, 24.8 avg. . . 5th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 10 At New England (N)
 15 PITTSBURGH (N)
 23 At Tampa Bay (N)
 29 ATLANTA (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September	7	PHILADELPHIA	6-19
	14	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	
	21	At San Diego	
	28	SEATTLE	
October	5	At New Orleans	
	12	At Dallas	14-44
	19	ST. LOUIS	27-10
	27	At New York Giants (N)	3-17
November	2	MINNESOTA	
	9	At Green Bay	
	17	SAN FRANCISCO (N)	8-35
	23	DALLAS	7-13
	30	At St. Louis	27-16
December	7	NEW YORK GIANTS	23-21
	13	At Denver	
	21	At Philadelphia	17-12

1985 SCORES

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

In five years under Joe Gibbs, the Redskins have won their first game only once. That was in 1982, when they went on to win the Super Bowl. Coincidence or not, a faster start is what Gibbs wants to tack on to his traditionally fast finishes. The Redskins have billed themselves "the best second-half-of-the-season team" in the NFL in the 1980s. After week eight, the Redskins never have lost more than two games. Last year's 10-6 record wasn't good enough to get the Redskins into the playoffs, however. It was their first miss since Gibbs's first year, and the coach is hoping that the absence has made the heart grow fonder. He reminds listeners that the Redskins are the last team to go to two consecutive Super Bowls (1982-83).

"I think our guys right now should be hungry. That's what I'm hoping. Thinking that we're always going to be in the playoffs is not a reality. We don't like what happened last year, so we have to try to put in enough work to do the right things from a team standpoint to get back in there," said Gibbs.

It won't be the same without John Riggins. The big fullback is gone with barely a trace. After a 677-yard year and eight touchdowns, he was told by Gibbs he could no longer cut it. Quarterback Joe Theismann probably won't be around either. His 1985 season ended in a horrible moment against the New York Giants when his leg was snapped.

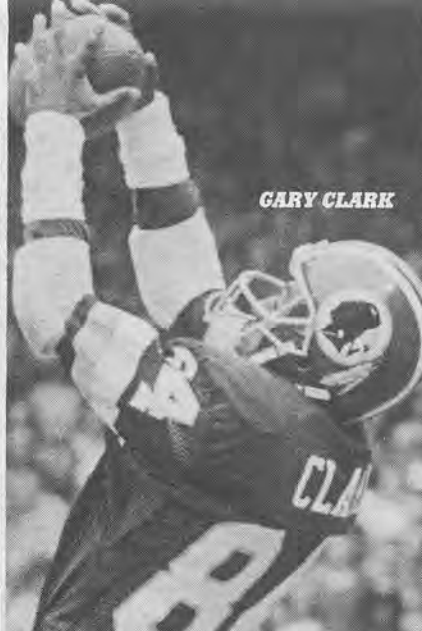
Washington in the playoffs without Riggins or Theismann? The remarkable emergence of Jay Schroeder at quarterback eased the loss of Theismann. Schroeder, a former baseball prospect, came from as close to nowhere as an NFL quarterback can come. He threw only 65 passes during his college career at UCLA, which ended in 1980. For the Redskins, his passer rating last season would have placed him ahead of such luminaries as John Elway, Warren Moon, Tony Eason, Marc Wilson, Eric Hipple, Steve DeBerg, Lynn Dickey, Ron Jaworski, and Tommy Kramer had he qualified with 11 more pass attempts. Though the untested and well-traveled Babe Laufenberg was Schroeder's only healthy backup at the time of the draft, the Redskins felt enough confidence in Schroeder to wait until the sixth round to seek help. They think they got it in Washington State's Mark Rypien, who at 6-4 and 230 will increase the average size of the Redskin signal-callers if nothing else. They thought enough of him to trade center Rick Donnalley to Kansas City for the pick they needed to draft him.

The Redskins also feel they got lucky in the draft by being able to land a wide receiver that should help shore up an area Gibbs considers much more vulnerable than quarterback. After selecting defensive lineman Markus Koch of Boise State with their first pick in the second round, they saw Hawaii's highly touted Walter Murray still on the board past the halfway mark of round two. Murray is a 6-3, 200-pounder with talent that projected him as a first-rounder. Shortly before the draft, he was charged with bribing police in an incident involving a moped. This apparently frightened other teams away. The Redskins doubled their risk by giving up next year's No. 1 to San Francisco, but trading away high draft choices has been the Redskins' style for years. If Murray doesn't challenge for a starting job, he is expected to provide quality depth behind starters Art Monk and Gary Clark. Monk caught 91 passes and Clark 72 for a

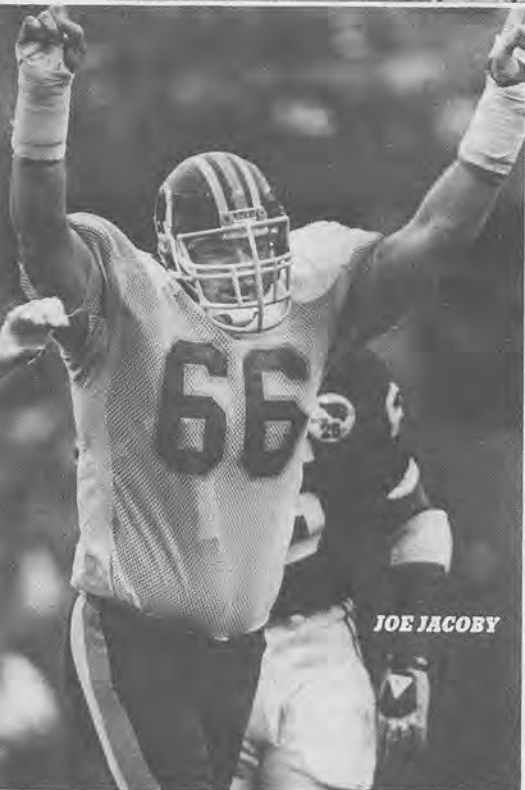


NEAL OLKEWICZ

DAVE BUTZ



GARY CLARK



JOE JACOBY

leave a fourth former Pro Bowler on the bench in guard R.C. Thielmann. The health of center Bostic was not enough of a concern to prevent the trading of Donnalley. Dann McQuaid, Raleigh McKenzie, and Chris Osswald provide "great depth," according to Gibbs.

Which defense finished behind the Bears and Giants? Which defense finished No. 1 against the pass? Defensive coach Richie Petitbon's Redskins is the correct answer. Ends Dexter Manley and Charles Mann combined for 29 1/2 sacks, the most of any NFL tandem. They played so well that No. 1 rookie Koch probably will concentrate on a tackle position. Koch was an injury-prone collegian, but Gibbs said, "He's a strong, aggressive player that we just couldn't pass up." Inside, Dave Butz remains ageless and Darryl Grant and Bob Slater return from injuries to compete with Dean Hamel. Slater, Hamel, Steve Hamilton, and Tom Beasley can play both tackle and end positions, so Gibbs and Petitbon can sleep well at night.

The Redskins' trio of linebackers—Neal Olkewicz, Rich Milot, and Mel Kaufman—is tried and true. Few other groups have stayed intact for so long and remained productive. Each of them had more than 100 tackles last season. Monte Coleman and Stuart Anderson provide quality work off the bench.

The Redskins got outstanding play from their secondary last season. Cornerbacks Darrell Green and Vernon Dean are solid and are ably backed up by second-year man Barry Wilburn. At safety, second-year man Raphael Cherry and veteran Curtis Jordan will be joined by former starting strong safety Ken Coffey and rookie Alvin Walton of Kansas. Greg Williams is another good backup. Green, nickname "MX," won an offseason sprint championship designed to locate the fastest player in the NFL. He beat former world-class sprinters Phil Epps of the Packers, Ron Brown of the Rams, and Willie Gault of the Bears for the honor. That should make Gibbs think all the harder about allowing Green to return more punts. "If we get some more depth, it would allow us to do a few more things with him," said Gibbs.

Kenny Jenkins was a good punt returner and a better kickoff returner. The Redskins had two kickoffs run back for touchdowns against them, an uncharacteristic occurrence. Gibbs may give punter Steve Cox a shot at Mark Moseley's place-kicking job. Cox replaced the injured Jeff Hayes, who is expected to return.

league-leading combination of 163, but Gibbs was concerned about a third receiver.

At tight end, Clint Didier's first season of starting resulted in 41 catches and four touchdowns. Don Warren, Rick Walker, and Anthony Jones provide the blocking and depth required in Gibbs's one-back attack.

A 1,093-yard rushing season from George Rogers enabled Gibbs to wave good-bye to Riggin without qualms. Rogers got better as the season got older. In the final game, he gained a club-record 206 yards. A fast start from him this time will contribute to a fast start by the Redskins. Otis Wonsley, Keith Griffin, and Kenny Jenkins provide reserve strength.

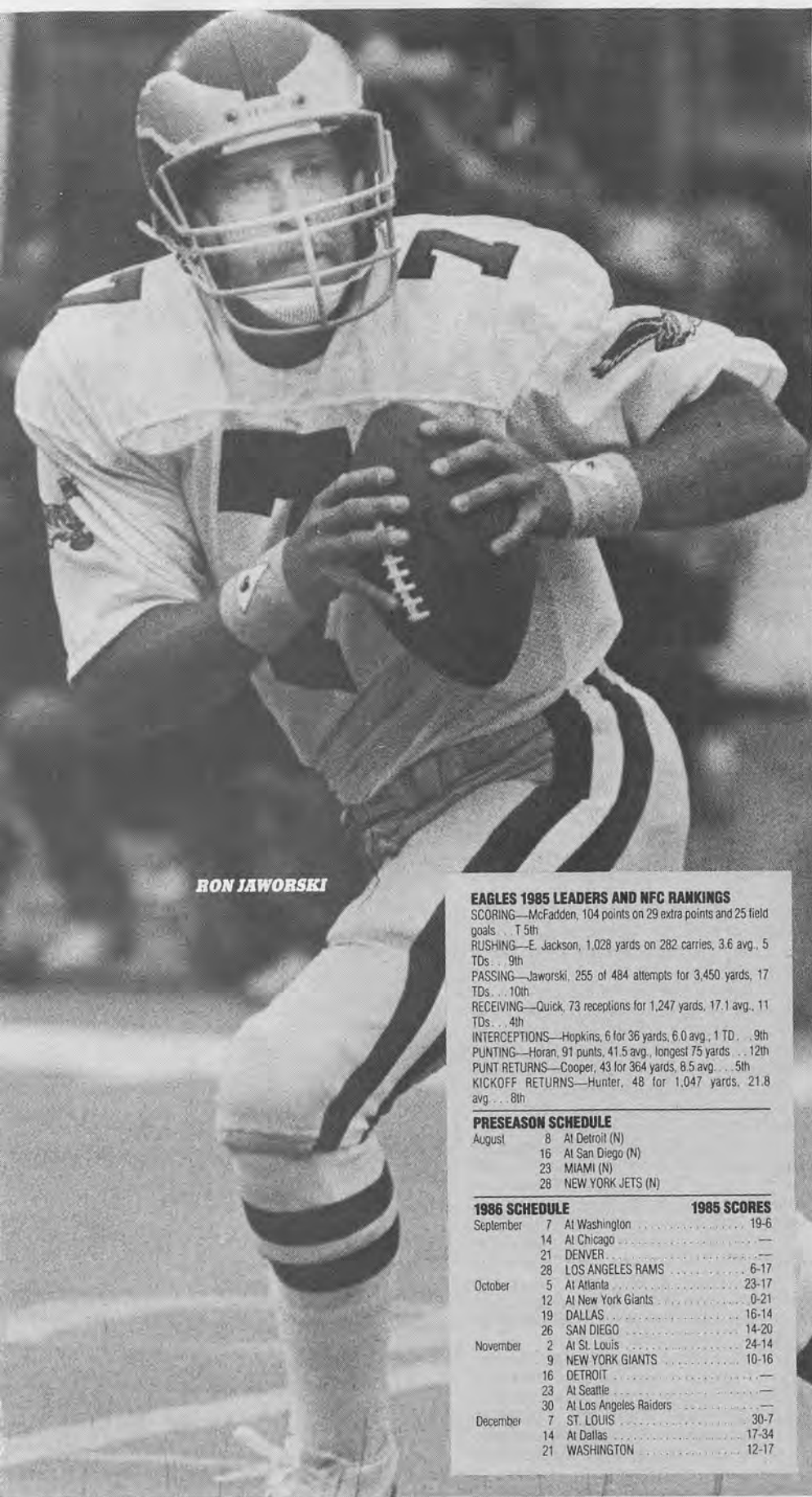
Although the novelty of the "Hogs" on the offensive line has worn off, most members of the unit are far from wearing out. A starting five of Joe Jacoby, Russ Grimm, Joe Bostic, Ken Huff, and Mark May would include three Pro Bowl veterans in Jacoby, Grimm, and Bostic and

REDSKINS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
58	Anderson, Stuart	LB	6-1	225	27	5	Virginia
67	Beasley, Tom	DE	6-5	248	32	9	Virginia Tech
53	Bostic, Jeff	C	6-2	260	28	7	Clemson
30	Branch, Reggie	RB	5-11	227	24	2	East Carolina
65	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	295	36	14	Purdue
37	Cherry, Raphael	S	6-0	194	25	2	Hawaii
84	Clark, Gary	WR	5-9	173	24	2	James Madison
48	Coffey, Ken	SS	6-0	198	26	3	SW Texas St.
51	Coleman, Monte	LB	6-2	230	29	8	Gen. Arkansas
12	Cox, Steve	P	6-4	195	28	6	Arkansas
32	Dean, Vernon	CB	5-11	178	27	5	San Diego St.
86	Didier, Clint	TE	6-5	240	27	5	Portland St.
77	Grant, Darryl	DT	6-1	275	27	6	Rice
28	Green, Darrell	CB	5-8	170	26	4	Texas A&I
35	Griffin, Keith	RB	5-8	185	25	3	Miami
68	Grimm, Russ	G	6-3	275	27	6	Pittsburgh
78	Hamel, Dean	DT	6-3	275	25	2	Tulsa
64	Hamilton, Steve	DE	6-4	255	25	2	East Carolina
5	Hayes, Jeff	P	5-11	175	27	5	North Carolina
61	Huff, Ken	G	6-4	265	33	12	North Carolina
66	Jacoby, Joe	T	6-7	305	27	6	Louisville
31	Jenkins, Ken	RB	5-8	185	27	4	Bucknell
82	Jones, Anthony	TE	6-3	248	26	3	Wichita St.
22	Jordan, Curtis	FS	6-2	205	32	10	Texas Tech
55	Kaufman, Mel	LB	6-2	218	28	6	Cal Poly SLO
16	Laudenberg, Babe	QB	6-2	195	27	3	Indiana
72	Manley, Dexter	DE	6-3	250	27	6	Oklahoma St.
71	Mann, Charles	DE	6-6	260	25	4	Nevada-Reno
73	May, Mark	T	6-6	295	27	6	Pittsburgh
83	McGrath, Mark	WR	5-11	175	29	5	Montana St.
63	McKenzie, Raleigh	G	6-2	262	23	2	Tennessee
60	McQuaid, Dan	T	6-7	278	26	2	UNLV
57	Milot, Rich	LB	6-4	237	29	8	Penn State
81	Monk, Art	WR	6-3	209	29	7	Syracuse
3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	204	38	15	Steph. F. Austin
89	Muhammad, Calvin	WR	6-0	190	28	5	Texas Southern
52	Olkewicz, Neal	LB	6-0	233	29	8	Maryland
23	Peters, Tony	SS	6-1	190	33	11	Oklahoma
80	Phillips, Joe	WR	5-9	188	23	2	Kentucky
38	Rogers, George	RB	6-2	229	28	6	South Carolina
10	Schroeder, Jay	QB	6-4	215	25	3	UCLA
75	Slater, Bob	DT	6-4	272	26	1	Oklahoma
7	Thielmann, Joe	QB	6-0	198	37	13	Notre Dame
69	Thielmann, R.C.	G	6-4	262	31	11	Arkansas
88	Walker, Rick	TE	6-4	235	31	10	UCLA
85	Warren, Don	TE	6-4	242	30	8	San Diego
45	Wilburn, Barry	CB	6-3	186	23	2	Mississippi
47	Williams, Greg	FS	5-11	185	27	5	Mississippi St.
34	Williams, Kevin	CB	5-9	169	25	2	Iowa St.
39	Wonsley, Otis	RB	5-10	214	29	6	Alcorn St.

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos.	ht	wt	college
2	Koch, Markus	DE	6-5	262	Boise St.
2	Murray, Walter	WR	6-3	200	Hawaii
3	Walton, Alvin	DB	6-0	180	Kansas
5	Caldwell, Ravin	LB	6-3	224	Arkansas
6	Ryplon, Mark	QB	6-4	225	Washington St.
7	Huddleston, Jim	OG	6-4	277	Virginia
7	Badanjek, Rick	FB	5-8	217	Maryland
8	Gouveia, Kurt	LB	6-1	227	Brigham Young
9	Asberry, Wayne	DB	5-10	185	Texas A&M
11	Fells, Kenny	RB	6-0	190	Henderson
12	Yarber, Eric	WR	5-8	156	Idaho



RON JAWORSKI

EAGLES 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—McFadden, 104 points on 29 extra points and 25 field goals . . . 5th.
RUSHING—E. Jackson, 1,028 yards on 282 carries, 3.6 avg., 5 TDs . . . 9th.
PASSING—Jaworski, 255 of 484 attempts for 3,450 yards, 17 TDs . . . 10th.
RECEIVING—Quick, 73 receptions for 1,247 yards, 17.1 avg., 11 TDs . . . 4th.
INTERCEPTIONS—Hopkins, 6 for 36 yards, 6.0 avg., 1 TD . . . 9th.
PUNTING—Horan, 91 punts, 41.5 avg., longest 75 yards . . . 12th.
PUNT RETURNS—Cooper, 43 for 364 yards, 8.5 avg. . . 5th.
KICKOFF RETURNS—Hunter, 48 for 1,047 yards, 21.8 avg. . . 8th.

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	8	At Detroit (N)
	16	At San Diego (N)
	23	MIAMI (N)
	28	NEW YORK JETS (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September	7	At Washington	19-6
	14	At Chicago	—
	21	DENVER	—
	28	LOS ANGELES RAMS	6-17
October	5	At Atlanta	23-17
	12	At New York Giants	0-21
	19	DALLAS	16-14
	26	SAN DIEGO	14-20
November	2	At St. Louis	24-14
	9	NEW YORK GIANTS	10-16
	16	DETROIT	—
	23	At Seattle	—
	30	At Los Angeles Raiders	—
December	7	ST. LOUIS	30-7
	14	At Dallas	17-34
	21	WASHINGTON	12-17

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Buddy Ryan makes points with the same conviction that his defense prevents points. "The faster our players learn the system, the faster we'll win. If they learn fast, we have a chance to win this year."

The Philadelphia Eagles have the second-toughest schedule in the league and the toughest in the NFC, according to last year's won-lost records. But Ryan looks at it a different way. Although he is in the tough NFC East, he has already proved he knows what needs to be done to stop his closest rivals. With the Bears last season, Ryan fashioned defenses that helped shut out the Dallas Cowboys (44-0) and the New York Giants (21-0) as well as destroy the Washington Redskins (45-10).

Although he didn't accomplish it with the Eagles' players, he does have a clue to what it takes to be successful. To the skeptics who doubted his credentials to coach offense, the outspoken Ryan snapped: "In 18 years, I've defended every darn offense there is. I'm qualified to know more about it than most offensive coordinators." So there.

Besides, in an abrupt departure from his usual method of operation, Ryan praised the Eagles' players before he even saw them. "Someone told me they have better personnel on defense than the Bears had," said Ryan. Usually, Ryan points out the weaknesses of players in order to motivate them.

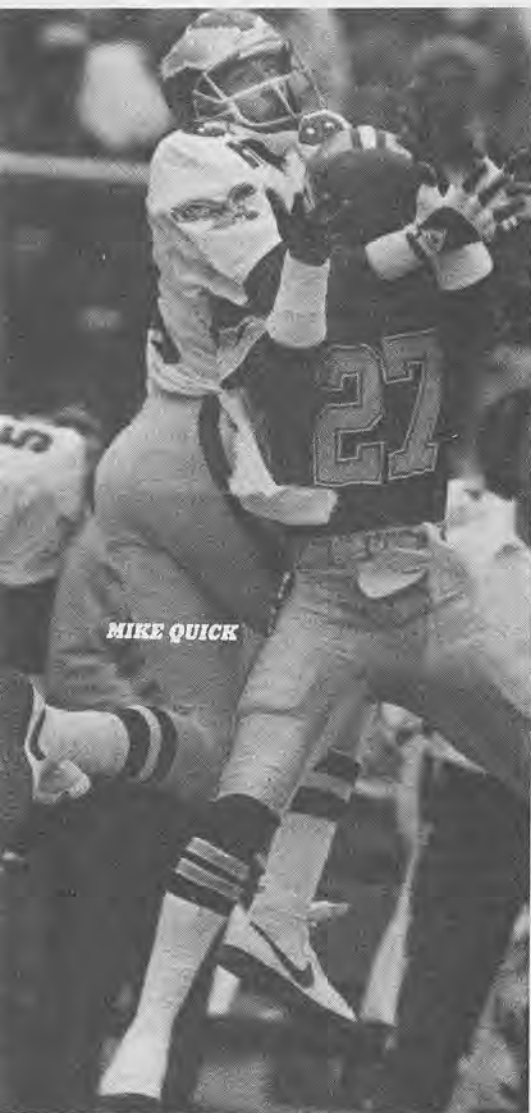
Motivation is Ryan's forte. In Chicago, he got his players to believe in his system so strongly that their loyalty became more instrumental in the Bears' success than the system itself. No matter what happened, the system was right and the players were mere cogs in the machine. They never questioned Ryan's game plans or his abrasive teaching method. Whether he was a genius was irrelevant as long as his players thought he was. Even Bears' coach Mike Ditka, who had clashes with Ryan on and off the field, acknowledged Ryan's uncanny hold on his troops.

"We'll be fun to watch," said Ryan.

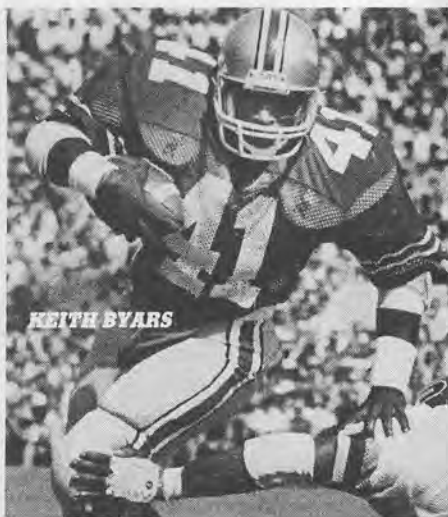
The watching will be particularly fun on the second week of the season when the Eagles go to Chicago to take on the world champion Bears. What does Ryan expect? "I expect the fans to be cheering for me like they always have," he said.

In Philadelphia, things might not be so cozy until Ryan's record catches up with his confidence. No defensive system is going to help the Eagles improve their standing as the sixth-worst rushing team in football. And even Ryan admits that a team can't play good defense without a good running game. With that in mind, he made running backs his first two draft choices when outsiders suspected he might prefer defensive players. It was true that the Eagles could not stop the run very well, but they were worse at starting the run.

So Ryan gambled with Ohio State's Keith Byars in the first round and protected himself with Texas A&M's Anthony Toney in the second. If one doesn't get the job done, Ryan hopes the other will. The Eagles really don't have time to wait for Byars, but Ryan's five-year contract may have prompted the move. Byars is only a shade lower than Bo Jackson on the grading charts of scouts. If he recovers from the broken bone in his foot that virtually wiped out his senior season, he can prove his potential as a "franchise back." Byars has the tools to change an offense overnight.



MIKE QUICK



KEITH BYARS



EARNEST JACKSON

NFC East

Changing the offense is nearly as important to Ryan as changing his defense. To provide a challenge for long-time incumbent quarterback Ron Jaworski, Ryan traded for long-time San Francisco and former New England backup Matt Cavanaugh. This means that second-year man Randall Cunningham's development probably will be put on hold. Jaworski is 35; Cavanaugh 30. Coach Bill Walsh always claimed that Cavanaugh could do as well as Joe Montana does in his 49ers offense.

At running back, the Eagles did have a 1,000-yard back in Earnest Jackson last season, so Ryan did not start with a bare cupboard. Toney is expected to push fullback Michael Haddix for a starting job from day one.

Wide receiver is an area of pride, not concern, for the Eagles. Mike Quick is a superstar, the first player in Eagles' history to put three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons together. Kenny Jackson is an outstanding player in his own right. If the two can be complemented by a more consistent running attack, they could be doubly dangerous.

Ryan is not so excited about the offensive line he inherited. "I thought they looked terrible at the beginning of last year. I thought they got better, but they're still not what we want," he said. Ryan drafted Texas A&M center Matt Darwin and Wisconsin guard-center Bob

Landsee in the middle rounds and then showed he means to use them by releasing last year's starting center, Mark Dennard. Last year's reserve center, Gerry Feehery, has the inside track to start, but the coach is open to suggestions all along the front. He said starting tackles Leonard Mitchell and Ken Reeves "can both be in the Pro Bowl if they want." Ron Baker and Steve Kenney have started at guard since 1981 but have no guarantee of security. Last year's No. 1 draft choice, tackle Kevin Allen, disappointed Ryan with his physical conditioning at first sight. He won't get many second chances.

To Ryan, a blocker is more important than a catcher at the tight-end position. Incumbent John Spagnola caught 64 passes for 5 touchdowns and was a Pro Bowl alternate. But Ryan said, "He needs work on his blocking."

In Ryan's "46" defense, Reggie White will move inside where he can disrupt things the way Dan Hampton did in Chicago. Greg Brown tied White for the team lead in sacks (13) and will play right end. Nose tackle Ken Clarke will play beside White at tackle and get away from the double- and triple-teaming he has endured. Tom Stauters and Byron Darby will fight it out for the other end spot.

Ryan dumped starting linebackers Anthony Griggs and Reggie Wilkes and drafted four candidates beginning with Florida's talented Alonzo Johnson to fill the demanding chores in his system. Middle linebacker Mike Reichenbach really impressed the coach at his first minicamp by proving he could handle the assignments mentally and physically.

Ryan said he liked the Eagles' defensive backs, especially the corners, better than the ones he had in Chicago. Elbert Foules and Roynell Young will start with backup Herman Edwards in the nickel spot. Free safety Wes Hopkins will be more of a strong safety-linebacker in the new scheme. "He doesn't just tackle you, he hurts you," said the coach. Strong safety Ray Ellis will be playing more of a free-safety role. The safeties are backed up by Brenard Wilson and Evan Cooper.

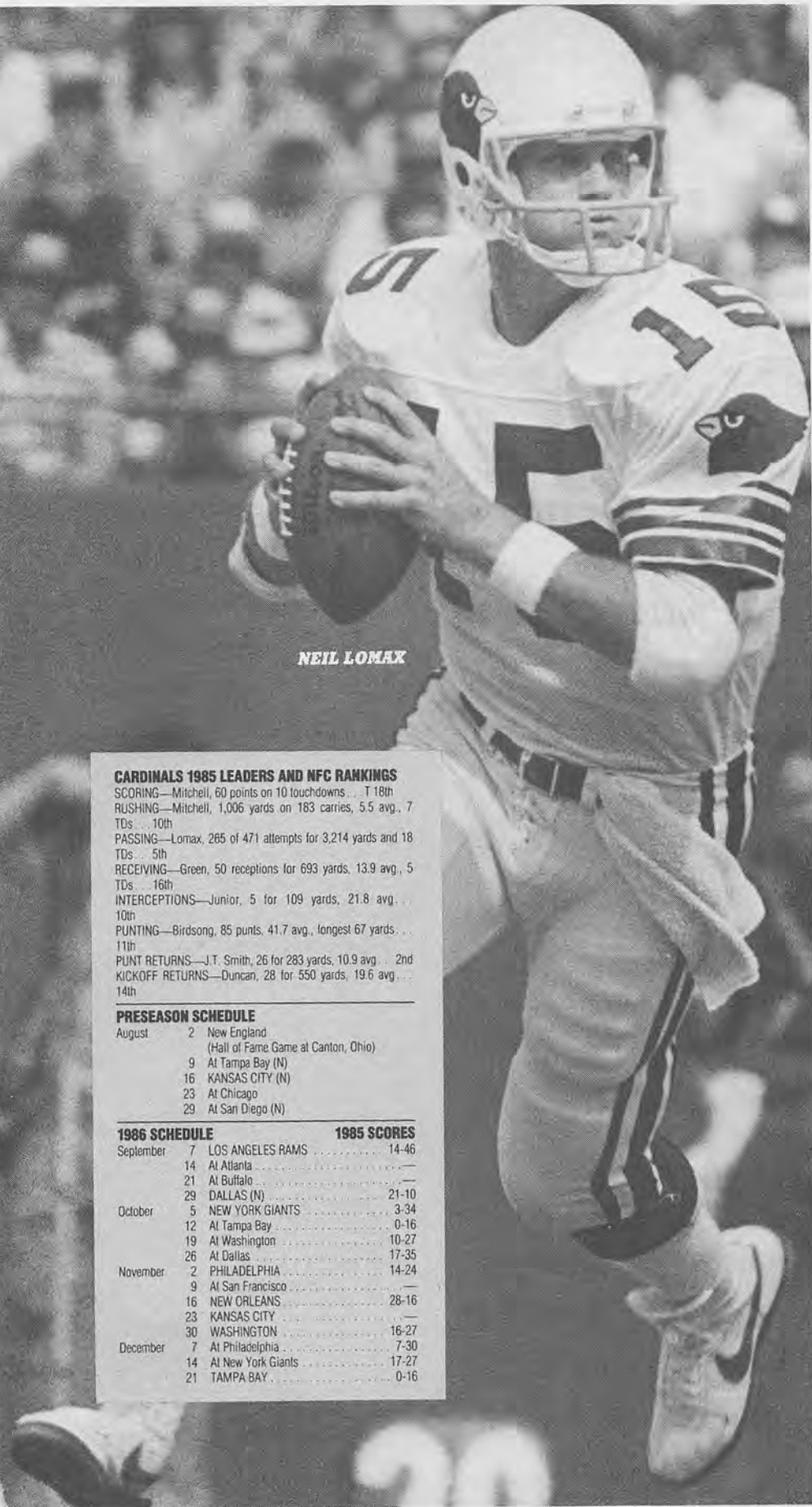
The addition of Florida punter Ray Criswell should strengthen the special teams and help Ryan's defenses play the important game of field position. Place-kicker Paul McFadden showed his excellent 1984 rookie season was no fluke by connecting on 25 of 30 field goals. But improvement is needed in kickoff and punt returns and coverage.

EAGLES VETERAN ROSTER

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72	Allen, Kevin	T	6-5	284	23	2	Indiana
80	Baker, Keith	WR	5-10	185	29	2	Texas Southern
63	Baker, Ron	G	6-4	274	32	9	Oklahoma St.
98	Brown, Greg	DE	6-5	265	29	6	Kansas St.
	Cavanaugh, Matt	QB	6-2	212	30	9	Pittsburgh
71	Clarke, Ken	DT	6-2	272	30	9	Syracuse
50	Cobb, Gary	LB	6-2	228	29	8	Southern Cal.
21	Cooper, Evan	DB	5-11	184	24	3	Michigan
12	Cunningham, Randall	QB	6-4	192	23	2	Nev.-Las Vegas
94	Darby, Byron	DE	6-4	262	26	4	Southern Cal.
99	Drake, Joe	DT	6-2	290	23	2	Arizona
46	Edwards, Herman	CB	6-0	194	32	10	San Diego St.
24	Ellis, Ray	SS	6-1	196	27	6	Ohio State
39	Everett, Major	FB	5-11	218	26	4	Mississippi Col.
67	Feehery, Gerry	C	6-2	270	26	4	Syracuse
29	Foules, Elbert	CB	5-11	185	25	4	Alcorn St.
86	Garrity, Gregg	WR	5-10	169	26	4	Penn State
84	Goode, John	TE	6-2	243	24	3	Youngstown St.
26	Haddix, Michael	FB	6-2	227	25	4	Mississippi St.
48	Hopkins, Wes	FS	6-1	212	25	4	SMU
2	Horan, Michael	P	5-11	190	27	3	Long Beach St.
36	Hunter, Herman	RB	6-1	193	25	2	Tennessee St.
41	Jackson, Earnest	RB	5-9	208	27	4	Texas A&M
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77	Jewelsky, Tom	T	6-6	275	26	2	Purdue
53	Jiles, Wayne	LB	6-4	242	23	2	Texas Tech
85	Johnson, Ron	WR	6-3	186	28	2	Long Beach St.
73	Kenney, Steve	G	6-4	274	31	7	Clemson
54	Kinnel, Jon	LB	6-4	240	26	2	Colgate
52	Kraynak, Rich	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Pittsburgh
89	Little, Dave	TE	6-2	232	25	3	Middle Tenn.
8	McFadden, Paul	K	5-11	163	25	3	Youngstown St.
74	Mitchell, Leonard	T	6-7	295	28	6	Houston
69	Morris, Dwaine	DE	6-2	255	23	1	SW Louisiana
76	Naron, Greg	G	6-4	270	23	1	North Carolina
38	Penaranda, Jairo	FB	6-0	218	28	3	UCLA
57	Potley, Tom	LB	6-3	242	24	1	UNLV
82	Quick, Mike	WR	6-2	190	27	5	N.C. St.
66	Reeves, Ken	T	6-5	268	25	2	Texas A&M
55	Reichenbach, Mike	LB	6-2	238	25	3	E. Stroudsburg
95	Schulz, Jody	LB	6-3	240	26	3	East Carolina
88	Spagnola, John	TE	6-4	238	29	7	Yale
93	Stauters, Thomas	DE	6-4	264	25	4	Jackson St.
92	White, Reggie	DT	6-5	285	25	2	Tennessee
22	Wilson, Brenard	S	6-0	185	31	8	Vanderbilt
43	Young, Roynell	CB	6-1	185	29	7	Alcorn St.

DRAFTES

rd	name	pos.	ht	wt	college
1	Byars, Keith	RB	6-1	244	Ohio St.
2	Toney, Anthony	RB	5-11	232	Texas A&M
2	Johnson, Alonzo	LB	6-2	217	Florida
4	Darwin, Matt	C	6-4	265	Texas A&M
5	Criswell, Ray	P	6-0	182	Florida
5	McMillen, Dan	LB	6-4	240	Colorado
6	Landsee, Bob	C	6-4	270	Wisconsin
7	Lee, Byron	LB	6-2	230	Ohio State
7	Pedick, Cornelius	WR	5-11	183	Fullerton
8	Joyner, Seth	LB	6-2	230	Texas-El Paso
9	Simmons, Clyde	DE	6-6	247	W. Carolina
10	Tatlatlatasi, Junior	RB	5-10	198	Washington St.
11	Bogdalek, Steve	OG	6-4	270	Michigan St.
12	Singletary, Reggie	DE	6-6	255	N.C. State
12	Howard, Bobby	RB	6-0	210	Indiana



NEIL LOMAX

CARDINALS 1985 LEADERS AND NFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Mitchell, 60 points on 10 touchdowns . . . T 18th
 RUSHING—Mitchell, 1,006 yards on 183 carries, 5.5 avg., 7 TDs . . . 10th
 PASSING—Lomax, 265 of 471 attempts for 3,214 yards and 18 TDs . . . 5th
 RECEIVING—Green, 50 receptions for 693 yards, 13.9 avg., 5 TDs . . . 16th
 INTERCEPTIONS—Junior, 5 for 109 yards, 21.8 avg. . . 10th
 PUNTING—Birdsong, 85 punts, 41.7 avg., longest 67 yards . . . 11th
 PUNT RETURNS—J.T. Smith, 26 for 283 yards, 10.9 avg. . . 2nd
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Duncan, 28 for 550 yards, 19.6 avg. . . 14th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 2 New England
 (Hall of Fame Game at Canton, Ohio)
 9 At Tampa Bay (N)
 16 KANSAS CITY (N)
 23 At Chicago
 29 At San Diego (N)

1986 SCHEDULE		1985 SCORES
September	7 LOS ANGELES RAMS	14-46
	14 At Atlanta	—
	21 At Buffalo	—
	29 DALLAS (N)	21-10
October	5 NEW YORK GIANTS	3-34
	12 At Tampa Bay	0-16
	19 At Washington	10-27
	26 At Dallas	17-35
November	2 PHILADELPHIA	14-24
	9 At San Francisco	—
	16 NEW ORLEANS	28-16
	23 KANSAS CITY	—
	30 WASHINGTON	16-27
December	7 At Philadelphia	7-30
	14 At New York Giants	17-27
	21 TAMPA BAY	0-16

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

For three years, it looked like the Cardinals were positioning themselves for a breakthrough in the East. Under Jim Hanifan, they were 5-4 in the 1982 strike year, 8-7-1 in 1983, and 9-7 in 1984. Unfortunately, the breakthrough came at the wrong end of the barrel. The Cardinals tumbled back into oblivion with a 5-11 mark in 1985 and Hanifan was replaced by Cowboys' assistant Gene Stallings.

Owner Billy Bidwill decided to stay in St. Louis just when it might not have mattered to the faithful. Literally and otherwise, the Cardinals simply didn't score many points in 1985, indicating that the loss of offensive coordinator Rod Dowhower to the Indianapolis Colts was too much to overcome.

Can Stallings rekindle the magic of quarterback Neil Lomax and receiver Roy Green? Will he find a place on the field for running backs Stump Mitchell and Ottis Anderson? Mitchell's 1,006-yard season in only eight starts once again demonstrated that he is too good to linger on the bench, Anderson notwithstanding. If Anderson shakes the calf and knee injuries that forced him out of seven games last year, can Stallings afford to put Mitchell back in cold storage? And if Mitchell starts, can he withstand the rigors of a 16-game season?

There are other pressing questions facing Stallings in an atmosphere longing for answers. Can Lomax regain confidence? Does he simply hold the ball too long? Is that why he was sacked an unacceptable 61 times? Or is his offensive line unacceptable? Can Stallings, as a former defensive backfield coach, get his players to come up with more than 32 sacks or 13 interceptions? And will the Cardinals ever learn to stop the run?

Obviously, the questions are too numerous for the Cardinals to get serious about catching the Cowboys, Giants, Eagles, or Redskins in the near future. They may be in Phoenix before they rise from the ashes. Their draft did little to answer many of the questions. The selection of Michigan State linebacker Anthony Bell as the fifth pick in the entire draft and the tabbing of UCLA place-kicker John Lee in the second round only fueled suspicion that Bidwill is in this to save money rather than make friends. Bell is a very good player, but the fifth pick in the draft? Lee is an outstanding kicker, but the Cards need more than three points at a time.

In defense of the Cardinals' offense, injuries to Green (he missed six games) and to Anderson perhaps were too much for any coaching staff to overcome. A bit of luck in the training room may be all the doctor ordered for Stallings. On the other hand, will fans be patient with a coach named Stallings after seeing their franchise stalling so frequently?

Lomax's numbers by themselves serve to get him off the hook. The offense plummeted from third in the league to 17th. Lomax went from fourth to 10th. He completed the season with only three interceptions in the last nine games. After rumors circulated that Stallings was unhappy with Lomax and was going to draft another quarterback, the Cardinals waited until the 12th round to bring in someone, hardly a vote of no confidence. The facts are that Lomax has proven he is good enough and durable enough to win. Other questions must be addressed first, including Bidwill's willingness to sign his players.

Stallings liked the minicamp performance of fullback Earl Ferrell, who missed part of last season because of chemical dependency. Stallings will go back to more of a two-back attack, teaming Anderson or Mitchell with Ferrell. Mitchell is also an outstanding receiver, as his 47 receptions last year attest. It is no wonder the Memphis Showboats of the USFL

like him so much. Wide receiver Green returned to catch 18 passes in the final four games and lead the club with 50 receptions. He remains the primary key to the end zone. Pat Tilley needs 25 catches to become the all-time Cardinal leader. J.T. Smith caught 43 passes last year subbing for Green. The Cardinals added former Giants' receiver Earnest Gray to compete for a backup spot with 1984 No. 1 draft choice Clyde Duncan, who has caught only four passes in his disappointing two-year career. Tight end is in the capable hands of Doug Marsh, backed by Greg LaFleur and Jay Novacek.

Stallings needs more consistency from the offensive line, where left tackle Luis Sharpe is emerging as a leader following time in the USFL. Right tackle Tootie Robbins, if signed, should regain his spot from Lance Smith. Doug Dawson and Joe Bostic return at the guard positions, backed by Smith. Center Randy Clark will get a challenge from third-round draft pick Gene Chilton of Texas. Rob Monaco provides depth.

On defense, Stallings is changing to the 3-4 out of necessity more than desire. He simply doesn't have the horses up front to rush the passer. Only one team, Buffalo, had fewer sacks last year. If left end Al Baker remains unsigned, the situation gets worse. He and right end Curtis Greer are decent book ends, although Greer is coming off a knee injury that may slow his outstanding play. At nose tackle, David Galloway has the inside track ahead of the unsigned Mark Duda. In reserve are Dan Ralph, Stafford Mays, and Scott Bergold.

Bell should strengthen a linebacking corps that showed improvement last year. Big and fast, he is penciled in at the weakside position

opposite last year's No. 1 rookie, Freddie Joe Nunn. Last year's left linebacker, Niko Noga, will move beside E.J. Junior on the inside, where Junior already had established himself as one of the best in the league. There are question marks among unsigned reserves Charlie Baker and Thomas Howard.

Cedric Mack and Wayne Smith, backed by Lionel Washington and Jeff Griffin, give Stallings a good cornerback group. Fourth-round draft choice Carl Carter of Texas Tech has the speed to push any of them. The best player last year was strong safety Leonard Smith, who led the team in tackles and even added three sacks. Lonnie Young remains at free safety, where the future of Benny Perrin remains in doubt following knee surgery. Bobby Johnson and Lee Nelson are backups.

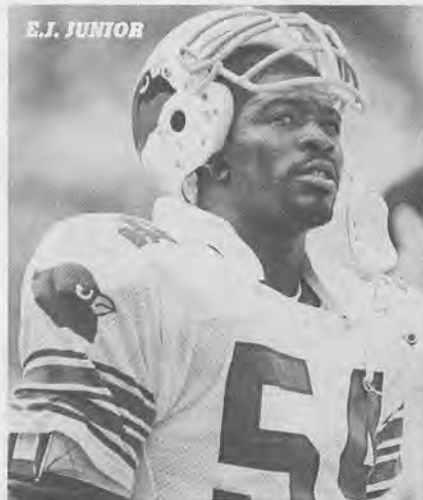
Lee did not kick off in college, but the Cardinals aren't worried about that, nor are they worried about his ability to adjust to no tee for field goals. He is the highest drafted kicker since Russell Erxleben. Carl Birdsong is good at placing punts inside the 20. J.T. Smith is among the league leaders in punt returns. If Mitchell isn't doing anything else, he can return kickoffs. The coverage teams aren't bad. Stallings would just like to see more kickoff coverage and less punt coverage.

CARDINALS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
32	Anderson, Otis	RB	6-2	225	29	8	Miami
74	Bergold, Scott	T	6-7	263	25	2	Wisconsin
18	Birdsong, Carl	P	6-0	192	27	6	SW Oklahoma St.
71	Bostic, Joe	G	6-3	268	29	8	Clemson
12	Brunner, Scott	QB	6-5	215	29	5	Delaware
64	Clark, Randy	C	6-4	270	29	7	N. Illinois
66	Dawson, Doug	G	6-3	267	25	3	Texas
86	Duncan, Clyde	WR	6-2	211	25	3	Tennessee
31	Ferrell, Earl	RB	6-0	224	28	5	E. Tenn. St.
65	Galloway, David	DT	6-3	279	27	5	Florida
87	Gray, Earnest	WR	6-3	195	29	8	Memphis St.
81	Green, Roy	WR	6-0	195	29	8	Henderson St.
75	Greer, Curtis	DE	6-4	258	29	7	Michigan
35	Griffin, Jeff	CB	6-0	185	28	6	Utah
50	Harris, Bob	LB	6-2	223	26	4	Auburn
42	Johnson, Bobby	S	6-0	187	26	4	Texas
54	Junior, E.J.	LB	6-3	235	27	6	Alabama
89	LaFleur, Greg	TE	6-4	236	28	6	LSU
15	Lomax, Neil	QB	6-3	215	27	6	Portland St.
40	Love, Randy	RB	6-1	224	30	8	Houston
47	Mack, Cedric	CB	6-0	194	26	4	Baylor
80	Marsh, Doug	TE	6-3	238	28	7	Michigan
76	Mays, Stafford	DE	6-2	255	28	7	Washington
14	McIvor, Rick	QB	6-4	210	26	3	Texas
51	Monaco, Rob	C	6-3	283	25	2	Vanderbilt
34	Mumford, Tony	RB	6-0	215	23	2	Penn. State
38	Nelson, Lee	S	5-10	185	32	11	Florida St.
57	Noga, Niko	LB	6-1	235	24	3	Hawaii
85	Novacek, Jay	WR	6-4	217	24	2	Wyoming
53	Nunn, Freddie Joe	LB	6-4	228	24	2	Mississippi
23	Perrin, Benny	S	6-2	172	27	5	Alabama
72	Ralph, Dan	DT	6-4	260	25	3	Oregon
67	Sharpe, Luis	T	6-4	260	26	5	UCLA
84	Smith, J.T.	WR	6-2	185	31	9	N. Texas St.
61	Smith, Lance	G	6-2	262	23	2	LSU
45	Smith, Leonard	S	5-11	202	26	4	McNeese St.
44	Smith, Wayne	CB	6-0	170	29	7	Purdue
33	Walker, Quentin	RB	6-1	201	25	3	Virginia
48	Washington, Lionel	CB	6-0	188	26	4	Tulane
24	Wolfe, Ron	RB	6-0	222	24	2	West Virginia
43	Young, Lonnie	DB	6-1	182	23	2	Michigan St.

DRAFTES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Bell, Anthony	LB	6-3	228	Michigan St.
2	Lee, John	K	5-11	182	UCLA
3	Chilton, Gene	C	6-3	274	Texas
4	Carter, Carl	CB	5-11	181	Texas Tech
5	Tupper, Jeff	DE	6-5	268	Oklahoma
7	Swanson, Eric	WR	5-11	186	Tennessee
8	Brown, Ray	TE	6-5	257	Arkansas St.
9	Kalenzizis, Kent	DB	6-1	205	Hawaii
10	Sikahema, Vai	RB	5-9	191	Brigham Young
11	Smith, Wes	WR	5-11	194	E. Texas St.
11	Dillard, Wayne	LB	6-2	232	Alcorn St.
12	Austin, Kent	QB	6-1	195	Mississippi



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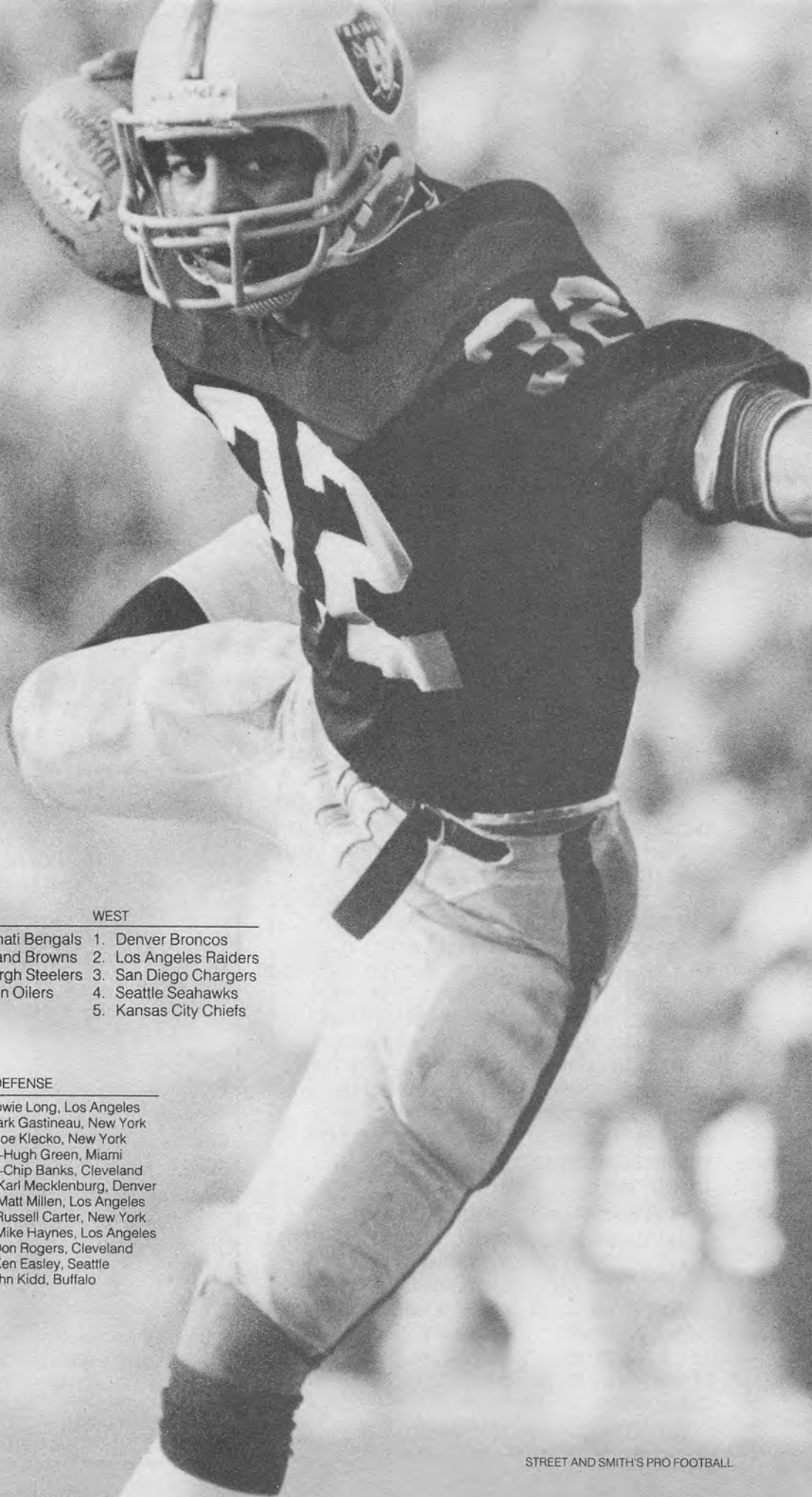
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2. Miami Dolphins	2. Cleveland Browns	2. Los Angeles Raiders
3. New England Patriots	3. Pittsburgh Steelers	3. San Diego Chargers
4. Indianapolis Colts	4. Houston Oilers	4. Seattle Seahawks
5. Buffalo Bills		5. Kansas City Chiefs

1986 ALL-AFC TEAM

OFFENSE

WR—Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh
WR—Steve Largent, Seattle
TE—Mickey Shuler, New York
T—Anthony Munoz, Cincinnati
T—Chris Hinton, Indianapolis
G—Roy Foster, Miami
G—Mike Munchak, Houston
C—Dwight Stephenson, Miami
QB—Ken O'Brien, New York
RB—Marcus Allen, Los Angeles
RB—Craig James, New England
PK—Nick Lowery, Kansas City

DEFENSE

E—Howie Long, Los Angeles
E—Mark Gastineau, New York
NT—Joe Klecko, New York
OLB—Hugh Green, Miami
OLB—Chip Banks, Cleveland
ILB—Karl Mecklenburg, Denver
ILB—Matt Millen, Los Angeles
CB—Russell Carter, New York
CB—Mike Haynes, Los Angeles
FS—Don Rogers, Cleveland
SS—Ken Easley, Seattle
P—John Kidd, Buffalo

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

by **LARRY FELSER** BUFFALO NEWS

● This is a "put up" year in the American Football Conference for a lot of teams and individuals. They won't necessarily shut up if they fail, but they are not likely to make the playoffs, either.

Los Angeles Raiders: If Al Davis is so smart, how come he can't come up with a quarterback? How come he's paying a mediocre talent like Marc Wilson almost \$1 million a year? How come he took the Unknown Tackle on Round 1 in this spring's draft?

Miami Dolphins: The Dolphins, without a running game or an anti-run defense, demonstrated that you can fool some of the people, but now it seems all of the people aren't fooled all of the time. Especially with the New England Patriots and New York Jets having found respectability in the AFC East.

San Diego Chargers: Don Coryell has been reduced to a sort of glorified offensive coordinator. The question is whether the new order will prevail with Al Saunders doing everything else a head coach normally does.

Seattle Seahawks: Chuck Knox has another monkey on his coaching back. This time it is: "Knox can take a team so far, but no farther."

Denver Broncos: It's time for John Elway to validate the claim that he is "the next great quarterback." Boomer Esiason of Cincinnati is passing him on the inside lane.

New England Patriots: Of course they aren't as bad as the score of the Super Bowl indicated. What they have to prove is whether they are as *baaaad* as the post-Super Bowl drug scandal suggested.

Kansas City Chiefs: It's been 15 years since the Chiefs went to the playoffs. John Mackovic is about to have his name placed in the Kansas City history book with Paul Wiggin and Marv Levy, two other failed coaches during that long drought.

Houston Oilers: The Hugh Campbell era was abruptly short-circuited in Houston, and the Warren Moon era is about to close with the arrival of Purdue quarterback Jim Everett. Which leaves the Ladd Herzeg era. The general manager has to do something to survive.

The AFC itself: If there are many more one-sided Super Bowls in favor of the Bears, 49ers, or other NFC powers, the American Conference may henceforth be known as "League B."

Some of the conference awards should end up this way:

- **Most valuable player:** Ken O'Brien, New York quarterback. The Jets will open their offense to make a championship challenge and O'Brien is up to it.

- **Rushing champion:** Marcus Allen, Los Angeles running back. The Raiders don't have much else offensively.

- **Passing champion:** O'Brien. Wide receiver Al Toon makes a major difference.

- **Receiving champion:** Steve Watson, Denver. The opposition worries about Vance Johnson on the other side.

- **Coach of the year:** Joe Walton, New York. Reward for two years of stabilization.

- **Offensive rookie of the year:** John L. Williams, Seattle fullback. The Seahawks need a leavening in their attack, and he's one of the keys.

- **Defensive rookie of the year:** New England nose tackle Mike Ruth. He provides intensity and good example.

TURNOVERS

**Want a formula for success?
Make fewer mistakes than
your opponent.
The New England Patriots
used that approach to win the
AFC championship.**

The funny thing is there was no mystery at all to what happened to the New England Patriots last year. The balls fell on the ground and the Patriots fell on the balls and their opponents fell to defeat.

In 1984 the same thing happened to the Denver Broncos, so obviously this turnover business is all merely a matter of luck and last year the luck of the turnovers was piping in the Patriots' oven. Simple explanation for some simple stuff. That is, unless you happen to be a Patriot or a Bronco. Then you know better. Then you know the playing of opportunistic football is anything but simple. Or easy.

"When Denver beat us in 1984 by recovering a [Mosi Tatu] fumble and returning it 69 yards for a touchdown, I was the first to say it was luck," Patriots' linebacker Steve Nelson admits. "But when you do it, it's not luck."

Nelson's point, which deals more with human nature than unnatural fumble recoveries, is well taken. But either way it is an indisputable fact that last year the Patriots won the AFC championship for the first time in 26 years by becoming the most opportunistic team in the conference. In 1984, they were a minus-four on the turnover table, causing 25 turnovers while committing 29. Their 8-8 record reflected their mediocre performance. Just a year later, however, New England successfully forced 47 turnovers while giving up 42, a plus-5 takeaway/giveaway factor that was tops in the AFC. Not coincidentally, so were the Patriots. But more to the point, New England became the first wild-card team in history to win three straight playoff games on the road almost solely by virtue of forcing its opponents to hand over the games by handing over the football.

In case the images have already escaped you, recall:

- Late in the wild-card game, New England reserve linebacker Johnny Rembert stripped Jets' kick returner Johnny Hector of the football and returned it 15 yards for the winning touchdown. New York committed four turnovers while New England had none.

- Moving on to Los Angeles, the Patriots upset the Raiders when reserve defensive back Jim Bowman recovered Sam Seale's fumbled kickoff return in the end zone. Los Angeles was forced into six turnovers, to the Patriots' two.

- The Patriots then traveled to the Orange Bowl, where they had not won since 1966, and took the AFC championship game from the Dolphins by forcing Miami into six turnovers, four of which were converted into 24 points.

by RON BORGES BOSTON GLOBE

"It seemed like they scored almost every time we turned the ball over," Miami quarterback Dan Marino said after the Patriots won, 31-14. "They have that type of team. That's why they went to the Super Bowl."

During that remarkable three-game stretch, New England forced three playoff teams into 16 turnovers that led to 61 of its 84 points. Where that also led was to a Super Bowl XX appointment with the Chicago Bears that didn't go nearly so well, because it was Chicago which forced the turnovers and New England which committed them.

Despite New England's season-ending debacle, however, this was a team that had learned well the value of turnovers, a lesson that came directly out of its own disaster in Denver a year earlier. It is there that Broncos' defensive coordinator Joe Collier has been preaching the savage art of dislodging a football for 18 years.

"Everything we do on defense begins with coach Collier," said Denver linebacker Tom Jackson. "His philosophy is simple. He believes the more helmets and arms you have on the football, the more likely the ball is to fall out." And if that happens often enough, it will eventually lead to victories ... or defeats, depending on which end of the turnover you're part of.

"It's the most important statistic in the league every year," says Giants' coach Bill Parcells. "The teams that create turnovers and limit their own—even at the expense of playing conservatively—have the best chance of winning."

The accuracy of Parcells' words seemed to be borne out everywhere last season. The Jets, for example, won five straight games at mid-season in large part because they committed only two turnovers. Conversely, Parcells' Giants lost to the Bears in the playoffs in a defensive battle for a host of reasons, but one of the biggest was the touchdown Chicago produced when New York punter Sean Landeta completely missed a kick and the Bears pounced on the ball and ran it in for a touchdown.

But while Parcells' philosophy may come as news in some quarters and seem a bit conservative in others, it is an old saw to Collier, who learned once and for all what a difference takeaways and giveaways can mean to a team in 1982.

"The strike year we had a bad season and part of it was that we finished close to last in takeaway/giveaway ratio," Collier recalled. "The next season we started doing drills that revolved around stripping the football from the ball-carrier, and we ended up in the plus category. We've been doing them ever since, and now it's something we do every day at practice. It's nothing full speed, but we have guys trying to punch the ball loose or have several guys trying to recover a loose ball. We do tip drills. There's a lot you can do."

What Collier's constant drilling of the Broncos did, in Jackson's opinion, was create an approach that is centered on the football rather than on the ball-carrier. That thinking helped get the Broncos back into the playoffs in 1984 when they led the NFL with a plus-22 takeaway/giveaway ratio. That lesson was not lost on Patriot coach Raymond Berry.

"What happened with our team last year was no accident," New England defensive line coach Ed Khayat said. "Raymond preached turnovers every day last season since the first day our training camp opened. He told the players to make the tackle, but for the second and third men in to go after the football. Some teams have drills they go through. We didn't go through it, we did it. Every day."



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"We became more aware of the football," Nelson said. "Coach Khayat and [linebackers] coach [Don] Shinnick are always telling us when we run our 9-on-7 drills to get at least one ball out. We really hadn't done much of that previous to this year. Now that we've had some success with it, we've all become more conscious of it."

With the turnover-fired success of the Patriots and Broncos the last two years, the talk around the NFL has grown more and more these days into a discussion of how to force opposing turnovers while minimizing your own. There are as many ways to accomplish each of those goals as there are players trying to do it, but in the opinion of Tom Jackson the entire exercise is simple enough.

"I was watching a film of one of our 1984 games against the Raiders, and I was amazed at the number of times I saw guys whacking at arms, trying to get the ball loose," Jackson said. "When we finally forced [fullback Frank] Hawkins to fumble [in overtime] on the 7, it was because Mike Harden grabbed the ball and stripped it out before Hawkins could

get on the ground. It didn't seem surprising." That fumble was recovered by Steve Foley, and several minutes later Denver kicker Rich Karlis provided the Broncos with their fifth victory of the 1984 season directly attributable to turnovers.

Yet even with the emphasis placed on opportunistic football by Berry in New England and Collier in Denver and the belief that, to a degree, a turnover consciousness can be created in practice, there is still no denying that there must be some element of luck in all this if such a strategy is to work. A football, by its very shape, must take unforeseen bounces when it hits the ground. It was never designed to bounce truly because it was never designed to be bounced at all, which is why turnovers have become such an important factor for winning, and losing, NFL teams.

"I've been telling them for four years to knock the ball out of people's hands," said New England's special-teams coach Dante Scarnecchia. "It's not like we just thought it up last year. A lot of it was pure luck, but more of it is hard work."

Luck and hard work. That is probably the true nature of opportunism in the NFL these days. Teams like the Patriots and the Broncos have to credit much of their recent success to turnovers, especially when nearly 75 percent of the Patriots' playoff points came at least indirectly from their opponents' forced turnovers. Yet there are those disciples of defense like Jackson, Nelson, Collier, and Patriots' special-teams player Cedric Jones who know there is much more to it than that.

"I watch special teams on film all year, and you don't see all the guys on other teams hustling all the time like we did," Jones said. "A great play on special teams usually comes from two things: one guy was loafing and another guy was making a great effort."

"When Seale fumbled, it came because Mose was able to come downfield clean and hit the ball with his helmet. Why was he free to get such a clean shot? Great effort and someone loafing. I don't think there's too much luck in that. Most of the fumbles we caused last year were from great effort on our part. When Johnny Rembert recovered that ball against the Jets, he just tore it out of Hector's hands and got up and started running. If you watched that on film, you see all the Jets just standing around, but we're running."

"The same thing happened in the Raider game. We had three guys diving on Seale's fumble in the end zone. You can't see a single Raider. That's because now we know about those things."

And one of the things the Patriots now know about is causing their opponents to lose the handle on the football ... and their grip on a game.

TONY EASON

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PATRIOTS DEFENSE



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100% ☐ -4

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Yes ☐ 19-1

No ☐ -2

PASSENGER CARS

- 9a. How many passenger cars, including station wagons, vans and 4-wheel drive cars are currently owned by all the people in your household?

Number of Cars Owned _____ 20-

None ☐ -Y

21-

24-

27-

22-

25-

28-

23-

26-

29-

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First Car

Second Car

Third Car

b. Make (i.e. Oldsmobile, Mercury, BMW, Toyota)

c. Model (i.e. Toronado, Cougar, Celica, 318) ...

d. Year Model

e. Indicate if car was bought new or used:

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Used

☐ 36-1

☐ -2

☐ 37-1

☐ -2

☐ 38-1

☐ -2

- 10a. Do you or other members of your household plan to buy a car in the next 12 months?

Yes ☐ 39-1

No ☐ -2

b. If yes, will it be a: Domestic Car ☐ 40-1

☐ Imported Car ☐ -2

Not Sure ☐ -3

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SMOKING/TOBACCO

11. Do you smoke or use:

- Cigarettes ☐ 41-1 Cigarillos/Little or Small Cigars ☐ -3 Cigars ☐ -5
 Pipe Tobacco ☐ -2 Smokeless/Chewing Tobacco ☐ -4 None of these ☐ -6

BEVERAGES

12. Please "X" those beverages that you personally drink (or serve) either at home or away from home. If you have mixed drinks, such as whiskey sours, check the type of liquor they contain.

- Domestic Whiskies ☐ 42-1 Wine/Champagne/Vermouth ☐ -7
 Scotch/Canadian/Irish Whisky ☐ -2 Domestic Beers ☐ -8
 Vodka/Rum/Gin/Tequila ☐ -3 Imported Beers ☐ -9
 Brandy/Cognac ☐ -4 Bottled natural spring or mineral water ☐ -0
 Cordials/Liqueurs ☐ -5 Tonic Water/Club Soda, Ginger Ale etc. ☐ -X
 Schnapps ☐ -6

- b. If you drink/serve beer, do you ever buy it by the case? Yes ☐ 43-1 No ☐ -2
 c. In an average month, approximately how often do you entertain at home? _____ 44-

MEN'S TOILETRIES

13. Which of the following men's toiletries products do you use? (Please check as many as apply.)

- Pre-shave Lotion ☐ 45-1 After-shave Lotion ☐ -3 Shaving Cream or Gel ☐ -5
 Cologne ☐ -2 Hair Grooming Products ☐ -4

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

14. Do you yourself actively participate in any sports activity? Yes ☐ 46-1 No ☐ -2
 a. If so, which activities? _____ 47-
 48-

HOME ELECTRONICS

15. Do you or any member of your household own a video cassette recorder? Yes ☐ 49-1 No ☐ -2
 a. If so, approximately how many blank and/or pre-recorded tapes have you purchased in the past year?
 Blank Tapes _____ 50-51 Pre-recorded Tapes _____ 52-53
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CHARACTERISTICS

16. Are you: Male ☐ 55-1 Female ☐ -2
 17. Your age:
 Under 18 ☐ 56-1 30-34 ☐ -4 45-49 ☐ -7 60-64 ☐ -0
 18-24 ☐ -2 35-39 ☐ -5 50-54 ☐ -8 65 or over ☐ -X
 25-29 ☐ -3 40-44 ☐ -6 55-59 ☐ -9
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 Single ☐ 57-1 Married ☐ -2 Widowed, Divorced, Separated ☐ -3
 19. Which of the following best describes your present employment status?
 Employed Full-time ☐ 58-1 Employed Part-time ☐ -2 Not employed ☐ -3
 If employed full or part-time:
 a. What is your particular job called? _____ 59-
 b. Does the job have a title? What is it? _____ 60-
 c. Please indicate below the annual income you personally get from your job before taxes:
 Less than \$10,000 ☐ 61-1 \$15,000-\$19,999 ☐ -3 \$25,000-\$34,999 ☐ -5 \$50,000 or more ☐ -7
 \$10,000-\$14,999 ☐ -2 \$20,000-\$24,999 ☐ -4 \$35,000-\$49,999 ☐ -6
 20. What is the highest level you completed in school?
 Some High School or Less ☐ 62-1 Attended College Less than 1 year ☐ -3 College Graduate ☐ -5
 High School Graduate ☐ -2 Attended College 1-3 years ☐ -4 Professional or Graduate
 School After 4 years of College ☐ -6
 21. What is the total combined annual income before taxes of all members of your household including yourself, that is, income from jobs as well as any other source?
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 \$15,000-\$19,999 ☐ -2 \$30,000-\$34,999 ☐ -5 \$50,000-\$74,999 ☐ -8
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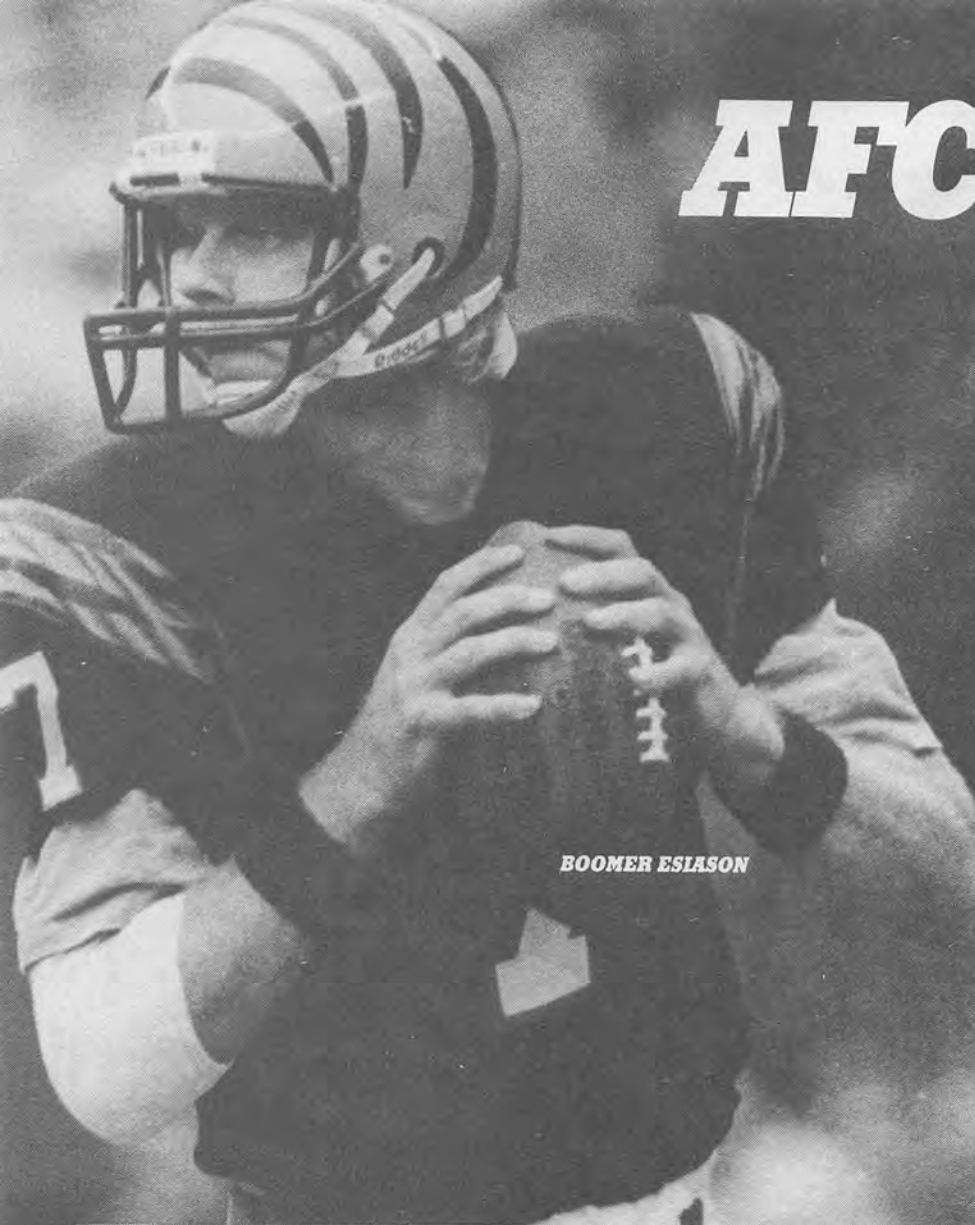
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BOOMER ESIASON

CINCINNATI BENGALS

The Cincinnati Bengals are tiring of disappointing endings. Two years ago, they weren't eliminated from the playoffs until two hours after they played and won their final game, but they were eliminated nevertheless. Last season, they buried Dallas, 50-24, in the 14th game of the season, only to see the Central Division championship slip away when they lost to Washington and New England in the final two games.

The Bengals' major problem is defense. In the last five games of the season, the stretch run, they yielded an average of more than 27 points a game. No AFC team allowed more points than Cincinnati's 437. Measures were taken in the draft to correct that. Five of the first six choices were defenders.

But that isn't what Cincinnati will rely upon in the tightly contested AFC Central this season. An improved defense is at least a year away. The key to this season is in the one premium draft pick which wasn't used for defense, the second choice in the first round, wide receiver Tim McGee of Tennessee. The Bengals are attempting to be a midwestern version of the San Diego Chargers. They will try to outscore the opposition in more shootouts. It's risky, but it worked for the Chargers for years.

Everything begins with Boomer Esiason, who may be the next great pro quarterback. There is no doubt that Cincinnati's obtaining him in the second round in 1984 was one of the great steals in draft history. Boomer wasn't inserted into the starting lineup until the third game of last season, but he still put amazing statistics on the board: 3,443 yards, 27 touchdown passes, completion percentage of 58.2, just a dozen interceptions, and the second-best quarterback rating in the NFL, 93.2. What



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BENGALS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

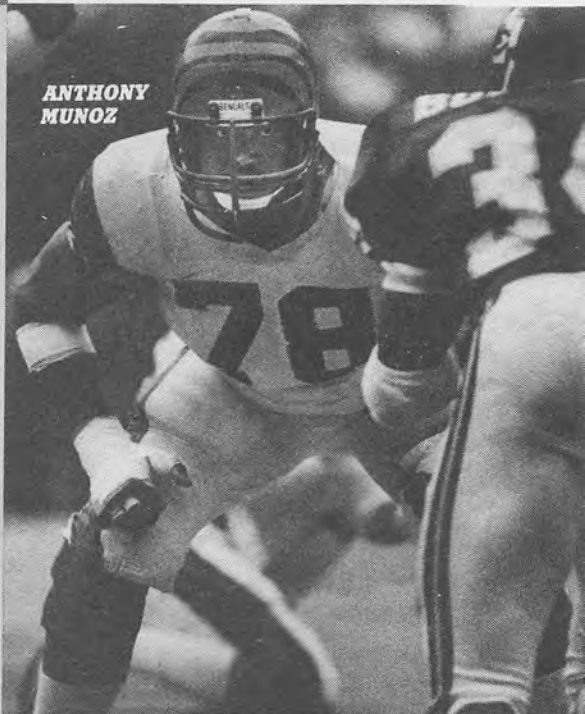
SCORING—Breech, 120 points on 48 extra points and 24 field goals. . . 3rd
RUSHING—Brooks, 929 yards on 192 carries, 4.8 avg., 7 TDs. . . 8th
PASSING—Esiason, 251 of 431 attempts for 3,443 yards and 27 TDs. . . 2nd
RECEIVING—Collinsworth, 65 receptions for 1,125 yards, 17.3 avg., 5 TDs. . . 11th
INTERCEPTIONS—Griffin, 7 for 116 yards, 16.6 avg., 1 TD. . . 4th
PUNTING—McInally, 57 punts, 42.3 avg., longest 64 yards. . . 5th
PUNT RETURNS—Martin, 32 for 268 yards, 8.4 avg. . . 11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Martin, 48 for 1,104 yards, 23.0 avg. . . 5th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 At Kansas City (N)
16 At New York Jets (N)
23 GREEN BAY (N)
29 DETROIT (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7 At Kansas City	—
	14 BUFFALO	23-17
	18 At Cleveland (N)	6-24
	28 CHICAGO	—
October	5 vs. Green Bay (Mil.)	—
	13 PITTSBURGH (N)	26-21
	19 HOUSTON	45-27
	26 At Pittsburgh	37-24
November	2 At Detroit	—
	9 At Houston	27-44
	16 SEATTLE	24-28
	23 MINNESOTA	—
	30 At Denver	—
December	7 At New England	23-34
	14 CLEVELAND	27-10
	21 NEW YORK JETS	20-29



ANTHONY MUNOZ

doesn't show is a full load of charisma and an overload of confidence.

McGee is an out-and-out luxury. He joins Cris Collinsworth and Eddie Brown to form one of the most explosive receiving combinations in football. Collinsworth caught 65 passes for 1,125 yards and five touchdowns. Brown, the AFC rookie of the year, caught 53 passes for 942 yards and eight TDs. In his first year as the starting tight end, Rodney Holman had seven touchdown receptions.

The offensive line is an elephant stampede, a unit of startling size and ability. There are few better lines than Cincinnati's with five-time Pro Bowler Anthony Munoz and Mike Wilson at tackles, Brian Blados and Max Montoya at guards, and Dave Rimington at center. They protect Esiason pretty well, but what they do best is flatten linebackers and defensive backs, and brush aside linemen.

Ordinary running backs can look very good running behind that line. Big Larry Kinnebrew



JOE KELLY

averaged 4.2 yards and scored nine touchdowns, gaining 714 yards despite missing more than four games due to a broken hand. Little James Brooks gained 929 yards in 192 carries and scored a dozen touchdowns, five among his 55 pass receptions.

Add McGee, who caught more than 50 passes in each of his last two seasons at Tennessee, and you have a great deal of explosion. What Sam Wyche, the head coach, must do is have his high-scoring offense ready to function at full speed from the start of the season. The Bengals have lumbered through nightmare Septembers the last two falls and eventually it cost them. This September opens softly and closes tough. The first two games are against Kansas City and Buffalo, the next two vs. Cleveland and Chicago.

Wyche himself may be on trial this season. In a competitive situation where every little edge counts, Wyche virtually invents distractions for himself and his team. Well-liked as a player and then as an assistant coach, Wyche

has built a reputation for paranoia in two years. It has not gone down well with management, nor its patriarch, Paul Brown. This is too good a team to start on to have unlimited patience with the coach's peculiarities.

The first of the opening-round draftees, Washington linebacker Joe Kelly, is almost certain to start on the inside, for the Bengals have a desperate need for a stopper. At 220 pounds, he's a little light for the position, but his quickness might help him avoid the monster blockers.

There are other premium draftees who should help, if not start, on defense. Lewis Billups, fast and aggressive, is a highly regarded cornerback. The only drawback is the quality of opposition he faced at Northern Alabama. Jim Skow of Nebraska should at least see work when the Bengals play a four-man front. Mike Hammerstein is an intriguing addition. He doesn't have the computer numbers, but he played so well and intensely in the Michigan line he received a number of votes for the Heisman Trophy. The fifth new defensive player also is interesting. He is David Fulcher, who flunked out of Arizona State and now may have outgrown his strong-safety position. He may end up as a linebacker.

On paper, the incumbent defenders don't look as bad as 437 points allowed. Ross Browner had nine sacks. His partner at defensive end, Eddie Edwards, had 8½. Tim Krumrie led the team with 96 tackles and generally is recognized as one of the league's better nose tackles.

Reggie Williams, the veteran linebacker, recovered four fumbles and is the group leader. Carl Zander started as a rookie and played inside with Ron Simpkins. One of them may lose out to Kelly. Jeff Schuh is the other outside backer. The hope is that Emanuel King, a first-round pick last year, will challenge at outside linebacker.

The secondary gets a lot of heat. Its strongest asset is experience. The starters are Louis Breeden and Ray Horton on the corners, with Bobby Kemp at strong safety and James Griffin and Robert Jackson at free safety.

Veteran punter Pat McNally and return specialist Mike Martin are on the spot. McNally's net punting average was a dreadful 29.9 yards and Martin's league-leading punt-return average of 15.7 yards in 1984, fell to half of that a year ago.



DAVE RIMINGTON



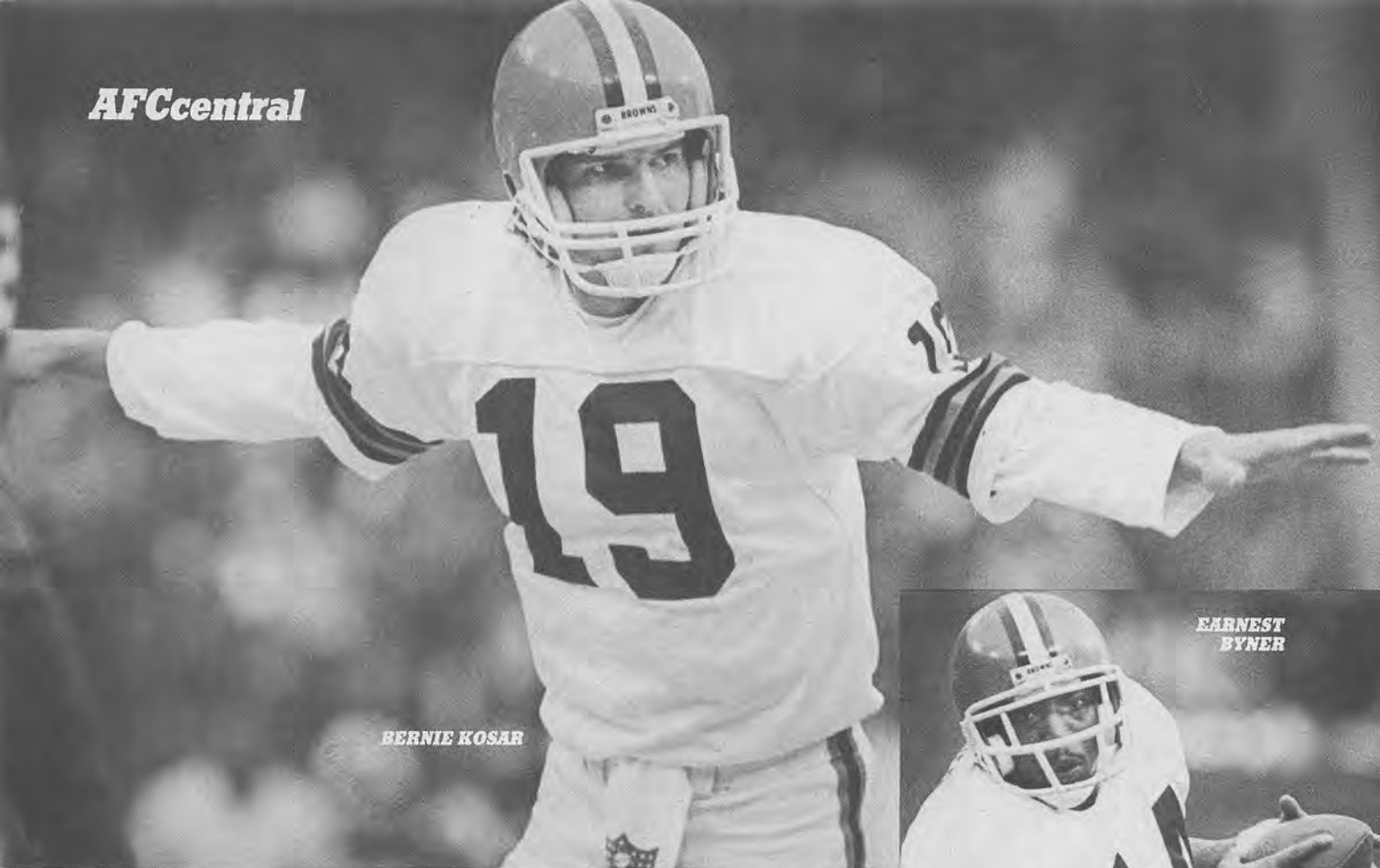
CRIS COLLINSWORTH

BENGALS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	age	exp.	college
40	Alexander, Charles	RB	6-1	226	28	8	LSU
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-3	212	37	16	Augustana
53	Barker, Leo	LB	6-2	227	27	3	New Mexico St.
74	Blados, Brian	G	6-4	295	24	3	North Carolina
61	Boyarkey, Jerry	NT	6-3	290	27	6	Pittsburgh
3	Brecht, Jim	K	5-6	161	30	8	California
34	Breeden, Louis	CB	5-11	185	33	9	N.C. Central
21	Brooks, James	RB	5-10	182	28	6	Auburn
81	Brown, Eddie	WR	6-0	185	24	2	Miami
79	Browner, Ross	DE	6-3	265	32	9	Notre Dame
80	Collinsworth, Cris	WR	6-5	192	27	5	Florida
7	Edwards, Eddie	DE	6-5	256	32	10	Miami
73	Esiason, Boomer	QB	6-4	220	25	3	Maryland
22	Griffin, James	S	6-2	192	25	4	Middle Tenn.
83	Harris, M.L.	TE	6-5	238	32	7	Kansas St.
82	Holman, Rodney	TE	6-3	232	26	5	Tulane
20	Horton, Ray	CB	5-11	190	26	4	Washington
37	Jackson, Robert	S	5-10	186	28	6	Central Mich.
36	Jennings, Stanford	RB	6-1	205	24	3	Furman
30	Johnson, Bill	RB	6-2	230	26	2	Arkansas St.
26	Kemp, Bobby	S	6-0	191	27	6	Cal-Fullerton
89	Kerr, Don	TE	6-4	225	24	3	Arizona St.
90	King, Emanuel	LB	6-4	245	23	2	Alabama
28	Kinnebrew, Larry	RB	6-1	255	27	4	Tennessee St.
64	Kozerski, Bruce	C	6-4	275	24	3	Holy Cross
86	Kreider, Steve	WR	6-3	192	28	8	Lehigh
69	Krumrie, Tim	NT	6-2	262	26	4	Wisconsin
88	Martin, Mike	WR	5-10	186	26	4	Illinois
87	McNally, Pat	P	6-6	212	33	11	Harvard
65	Montoya, Max	G	6-5	275	30	8	UCLA
78	Munoz, Anthony	T	6-6	278	28	7	USC
42	Pickering, Clay	WR	6-5	215	25	3	Maine
75	Reimers, Bruce	T	6-7	280	26	3	Iowa St.
52	Rimington, Dave	C	6-3	288	24	4	Nebraska
59	Schuh, Jeff	LB	6-3	234	28	6	Minnesota
25	Simpkins, John	CB	5-11	192	28	6	SMU
56	Simpkins, Ron	LB	6-1	235	28	6	Michigan
62	Smith, Gary	G	6-2	265	26	2	Virginia Tech
35	Turner, Jimmy	CB	6-0	187	27	4	UCLA
63	Walter, Joe	T	6-6	290	23	2	Texas Tech
41	Washington, Sam	CB	5-9	180	26	5	Miss. Valley
57	Williams, Reggie	LB	6-0	228	32	11	Dartmouth
77	Wilson, Mike	T	6-5	271	31	9	Georgia
91	Zander, Carl	LB	6-2	235	22	2	Tennessee

DRAFTEES

rd.	name	pos.	ht.	wt.	college
1	Kelly, Joe	LB	6-2	219	Washington
1	McGee, Tim	WR	5-10	174	Tennessee
2	Billups, Lewis	DB	5-11	178	Alabama
3	Skow, Jim	DT	6-3	245	Nebraska
3	Hammerstein, Mike	DT	6-3	260	Michigan
3	Fulcher, David	DB	6-3	225	Arizona St.
4	Kattus, Eric	TE	6-5	232	Michigan
4	Gaynor, Doug	QB	6-2	205	Long Beach St.
5	White, Leon	LB	6-2	225	Brigham Young
6	Hunt, Gary	DB	5-10	175	Memphis St.
7	Franklin, Pat	RB	6-0	234	SW Texas St.
8	Douglas, David	OL	6-4	280	Tennessee
9	Whittingham, Gary	LB	6-2	236	Brigham Young
10	Shaw, Jeff	DL	6-1	280	Salem (WV)
11	Stone, Tim	OT	6-6	285	Kansas
11	Flaherty, Tom	LB	6-3	235	Northwestern
12	Bradley, Steve	QB	6-2	210	Indiana



BERNIE KOSAR



EARNEST BYNER

CLEVELAND BROWNS

The enduring picture of the Browns is the one on the cover of the team's preseason prospectus, the picture embossed on so many Cleveland opponents in 1985—Earnest Byner serving as the lead blocker with Kevin Mack carrying the ball at the start of an off-tackle play. It was the Browns' mode of transportation in the playoffs and on the way to the AFC Central title. The roles are often reversed. Byner gained 161 yards in the near miss against Miami in the playoffs, a figure not even Jim Brown reached in postseason play.

The picture may change this season, as the Browns attempt to put a little balance in their attack. Terry Greer, a Canadian League all-star as a wide receiver, was signed as a free agent, as was another CFL all-star receiver, Jeff Boyd. Greer caught 78 passes for 1,323 yards for Toronto; Boyd 76 for 1,372 with Winnipeg. Then, in the college draft, the Browns selected Webster Slaughter of San Diego State, who caught 82 passes for 1,071 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. The idea is clear. Bernie Kosar is going to be something more than a one-dimensional quarterback in his second pro season.

Not that the Browns are going to be pass happy. "Offensively," says coach Marty Schottenheimer, "my philosophy is to run the ball, use a controlled passing game, and avoid the third-and-long situations. We're going to have the people tough enough to run the ball when we have to."

Last year Mack, who came from the USFL's Los Angeles Express, moved it 222 times for 1,104 yards and seven touchdowns with a 5-yard per-carry average. Byner had 1,002 yards in 244 carries with eight touchdowns. He also had 45 receptions; Mack had 29.

The arrival of Greer, Boyd, and Slaughter is merely an acknowledgement of the greening of Kosar, who might be playing his senior season at the University of Miami now except for his accelerated academic program. "Bernie has tremendous awareness and, sooner or later," says Ozzie Newsome, the king of tight ends who led the receivers again with 62 catches, "he'll demonstrate his consistency."

Gary Danielson, who was brought from Detroit as sort of a guru for Kosar, sees a young Dan Fouts when he looks at Bernie. "Fouts doesn't have an overpowering arm, but he has great anticipation and touch," says Danielson. "He doesn't have great scrambling ability, but he has escapability. He knows how to use his blockers. Dan is a very tough, fiery player, and that is what Bernie is. Dan is the type of quarterback Bernie can be." Schottenheimer buys the comparison to Fouts. "Like Fouts, Kosar has excellent awareness in the pocket to avoid the first rusher," says the coach. "He's unflappable."

To mold this all together and bring Kosar closer to Fouts's level of performance, Schottenheimer hired Lindy Infante, the former Cincinnati offensive coordinator, who spent the last two years as head coach of the USFL's Jacksonville Bulls. Infante is one of the acknowledged brilliant offensive minds in football and the Browns had to outbid other NFL teams to get him. Infante also may find ways to use Curtis Dickey, the blindingly fast but undependable former Colt star halfback.

The mystery about the Browns' offensive output is how far they manage to go with what appears to be a mix-and-match offensive line. It includes a Jet reject, guard George Lilja; a converted tight end, Ricky Bolden; a USFL

BROWNS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—M. Bahr, 77 points on 35 extra points and 14 field goals . . . 17th
RUSHING—Mack, 1,104 yards on 222 carries, 5.0 avg., 7 TDs . . . 7th
PASSING—Kosar, 124 of 248 attempts for 1,578 yards and 8 TDs . . . 9th
RECEIVING—Newsome, 62 receptions for 711 yards, 11.5 avg., 5 TDs . . . 13th
INTERCEPTIONS—Gross, 5 for 109 yards, 21.8 avg., 1 TD . . . 12th
PUNTING—Gosselt, 81 punts, 40.3 avg., longest 64 yards . . . 12th
PUNT RETURNS—Weathers, 28 for 218 yards, 7.8 avg. . . 12th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Young, 35 for 898 yards, 25.7 avg. . . 1st

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 BUFFALO (N)
16 At Miami (N)
23 At Atlanta (N)
28 At Los Angeles Raiders (N)

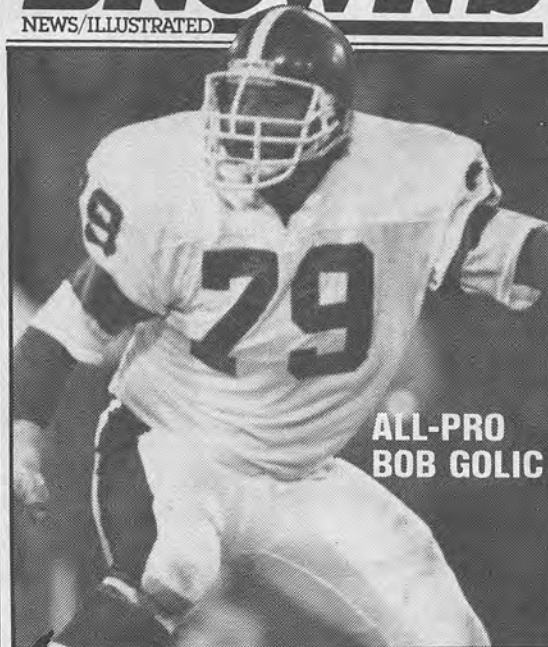
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September 7 At Chicago
14 At Houston 21-6
18 CINCINNATI (N) 24-6
28 DETROIT
October 5 At Pittsburgh 9-10
12 KANSAS CITY
26 At Minnesota
November 2 At Indianapolis
10 MIAMI (N)
16 At Los Angeles Raiders 20-21
23 PITTSBURGH 17-7
30 HOUSTON 28-21
December 7 At Buffalo 17-7
14 At Cincinnati 10-27
21 SAN DIEGO 21-7

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TOM COUSINEAU

refugee, guard Dan Pike; and only two players with reputations that amount to much, tackle Cody Risien and center Mike Baab.

The starting wide receivers of record are Brian Brennan and Clarence Weathers, neither of whom may be up to the challenge of the newcomers.

Defensively, the Browns are up to most anything. They finished fifth in the AFC against both the run and the pass, and these folks make big plays. To begin with, the Browns think they have the best linebacking in the NFL. On the outside Chip Banks is a Pro Bowl regular and Clay Matthews was picked as his substitute when Banks was unable to play because of a viral infection. Tom Cousineau ranks with the better players inside and Eddie Johnson led all Cleveland linebackers in tackles. Banks was the leading sacker, having decked quarterbacks 11 times. A solid addition is Anthony Griggs, a starter at Philadelphia who was acquired at a bargain price.

Nose tackle Bob Golic earned the Pro Bowl and end Reggie Camp had 8½ sacks. Carl Hairston, who the Eagles thought was finished, added seven sacks. Ex-Pitt basketball Sam Clancy, who joined Cleveland after time in Seattle and the USFL, is being groomed as a pass-rush specialist.

The secondary is almost as formidable as the linebacking. Both free safety Don Rogers and cornerback Hanford Dixon were voted Pro Bowl alternates. Rogers led the team with 154 tackles. Receivers and passers now try to avoid Dixon. Frank Minnifield is no soft alternative on the other corner and Al Gross is a heavy hitter at strong safety. Chris Rockins and Felix Wright provide depth.

Glen Young led the AFC in kickoff returns, with a 25.7-yard average. The kickoff coverage was the best in the NFL, allowing an average of just 17.3 yards. Place-kicker Matt Bahr hit 14 in 18 tries.



DON ROGERS



AL GROSS

BROWNS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	exp	NFL college
80	Adams, Willis	WR	6-2	200	30	7	Houston
26	Allen, Greg	RB	5-11	200	23	2	Florida St.
61	Baab, Mike	C	6-4	270	27	5	Texas
9	Bahr, Matt	K	5-10	175	30	8	Penn State
99	Baldwin, Keith	DE	6-4	270	26	5	Texas A & M
56	Banks, Chip	LB	6-4	233	27	5	Southern Cal
83	Banks, Fred	WR	5-10	177	24	2	Liberty
77	Bolden, Rickey	T-G	6-6	280	25	3	SMU
47	Brazier, Larry	CB	6-0	184	32	8	Southern Cal
86	Brennan, Brian	WR	5-9	178	24	3	Boston College
44	Byner, Earnest	RB	5-10	215	24	3	East Carolina
96	Camp, Reggie	DE	6-4	270	25	4	California
91	Clancy, Sam	DE	6-7	260	28	3	Pittsburgh
75	Contz, Bill	T	6-5	270	25	4	Penn State
50	Cousineau, Tom	LB	6-3	225	29	5	Ohio State
18	Danielson, Gary	QB	6-2	196	35	10	Purdue
38	Davis, Johnny	FB	6-1	235	30	9	Alabama
33	Dickey, Curtis	RB	6-1	220	30	6	Texas A & M
29	Dixon, Hanford	CB	5-11	186	28	6	Southern Miss.
74	Farren, Paul	T	6-5	270	26	4	Boston U.
69	Fike, Dan	OL	6-7	280	25	2	Florida
28	Fontenot, Herman	RB	6-0	206	23	2	LSU
79	Golic, Bob	NT	6-2	260	29	7	Notre Dame
7	Gossett, Jeff	P	6-2	200	29	5	E. Illinois
	Griggs, Anthony	LB	6-3	232	26	5	Ohio State
27	Gross, Al	S	6-3	195	25	4	Arizona
78	Hairston, Carl	DE	6-4	260	34	11	Md. (E. Shore)
81	Holt, Harry	TE	6-4	230	29	4	Arizona
51	Johnson, Eddie	LB	6-1	225	27	6	Louisville
19	Kosar, Bernie	QB	6-5	210	23	2	Miami
88	Langhorne, R.	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Elizabeth City St.
62	Litja, George	OL	6-4	270	28	5	Michigan
34	Mack, Kevin	RB	6-0	212	24	2	Clemson
57	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-2	235	30	9	Southern Cal
16	McDonald, Paul	QB	6-2	185	28	7	Southern Cal
31	Minnifield, Frank	CB	5-9	180	26	3	Louisville
82	Newsome, Ozzie	TE	6-2	232	30	9	Alabama
58	Nicolas, Scott	LB	6-3	226	26	5	Miami
72	Puzzuoli, Dave	NT	6-3	260	25	4	Pittsburgh
63	Risien, Cody	T	6-7	280	29	7	Texas A & M
37	Rockins, Chris	S	6-0	195	24	3	Oklahoma
20	Rogers, Don	S	6-1	206	24	3	UCLA
87	Tucker, Travis	TE	6-3	227	23	2	So. Conn. State
85	Weathers, Clarence	WR	5-9	170	24	4	Delaware St.
55	Weathers, Curtis	LB	6-5	230	30	8	Mississippi
22	Wright, Felix	DB	6-2	190	27	2	Drake
84	Young, Glen	WR	6-2	205	26	4	Mississippi St.

DRAFTIES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Slaughter, Webster	WR	6-0	175	San Diego St.
5	Miller, Nick	LB	6-2	229	Arkansas
7	Meyer, Jim	OT	6-5	288	Illinois St.
7	Norseth, Mike	QB	6-2	196	Kansas
9	Taylor, Danny	CB	5-9	165	Texas-El Paso
10	Smith, Willie	TE	6-2	230	Miami
11	Dausin, Randy	OG	6-4	258	Texas A & M
12	Simmons, King	DB	6-2	199	Texas Tech

LOUIS LIPPS

WALTER ABERCROMBIE

STEELERS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Anderson, 139 points on 40 extra points and 33 field goals . . . 1st
 RUSHING—Pollard, 991 yards on 233 carries, 4.3 avg., 3 TDs . . . 7th
 PASSING—Malone, 117 of 233 attempts for 1,428 yards and 13 TDs . . . 7th
 RECEIVING—Stallworth, 75 receptions for 937 yards, 12.5 avg., 5 TDs . . . 6th
 INTERCEPTIONS—Woodruff, 5 for 80 yards, 16.0 avg. . . 14th
 PUNTING—Newsome, 78 punts, 39.6 avg., longest 59 yards . . . 14th
 PUNT RETURNS—Lipps, 36 for 437 yards, 12.1 avg., 2 TDs . . . 2nd
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Spencer, 27 for 617 yards, 22.9 avg. . . 6th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 CHICAGO
 15 At Washington (N)
 23 At Dallas (N)
 30 At New York Giants (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7 At Seattle . . .	—
	15 DENVER (N) . . .	23-31
	21 At Minnesota . . .	—
	28 At Houston . . .	30-7
October	5 CLEVELAND . . .	10-9
	13 At Cincinnati (N) . . .	21-26
	19 NEW ENGLAND . . .	—
	26 CINCINNATI . . .	24-37
November	2 GREEN BAY . . .	—
	9 At Buffalo . . .	30-24
	16 HOUSTON . . .	20-0
	23 At Cleveland . . .	7-17
	30 At Chicago . . .	—
December	7 DETROIT . . .	—
	13 At New York Jets . . .	—
	21 KANSAS CITY . . .	36-28

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

The Steelers feel as though they are lost in a strange and exotic land. For the first time in 15 seasons, they lost more games than they won. For just the third time in 14 seasons, they missed the playoffs. There is great hand wringing and teeth gnashing going on in Pittsburgh, but none of it by Charles Henry Noll, patrician headmaster of the Steelers. Cleveland and Cincinnati are teams more admired within the AFC Central, but Noll is a man who enjoys being placed in a professional maze. Don't go against him or the Steelers finding their way out.

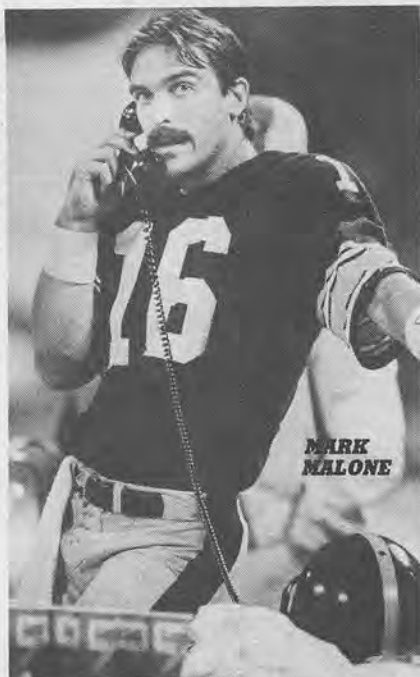
The first thing Noll must do is find a way to improve Pittsburgh's finishing kick. The Steelers lost four games in the final quarter last season. The second thing on Noll's "tasks to perform" list is to improve the Steelers' talent. It could have happened already in the last couple of drafts.

Tightening up in the final quarter may be largely a matter of shifting defensive philosophies. What the Steelers did was go conservative. It didn't show in the overall statistics. After 13 games the Steelers led the AFC in total defense. A three-game slump at the end pushed them down to second. But that slump

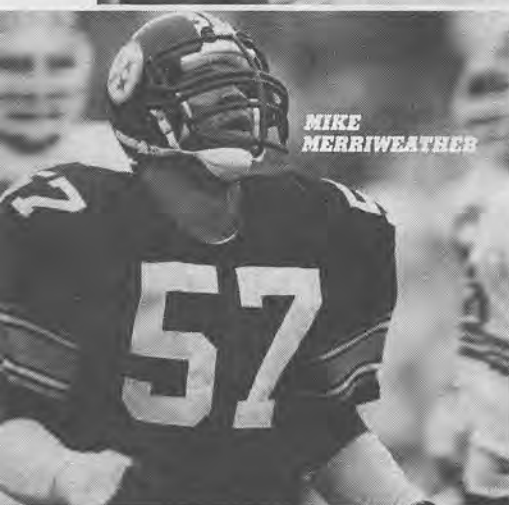
finished off their playoff chances. In fact, the only game Pittsburgh won after the Thanksgiving weekend was a 30-24 squeaker over the hapless Buffalo Bills. But there were 11 fewer sacks and 11 fewer interceptions. The Steelers weren't stung as often; on the other hand, their own sting was not as deadly.

Before the Steelers can fix anything with a philosophical shift, they will have to strengthen themselves at quarterback if they are to challenge the Bengals and Browns. After

Mark Malone seemed to take command of the position, he regressed. Now Noll is back to a jumble. Proof of that is the drafting of Bubba Brister of Northeast Louisiana in the third round. A former baseball player in the Detroit Tigers' chain, Brister dabbled in major colleges at Alabama and then Tulane before settling at Northeast Louisiana. He is a raw, developing talent who threw for 300 yards or more in five games last season. Pat Collins, his college coach, was an assistant at Louisi-



MARK MALONE



MIKE MERRIWEATHER



RICH ERENBURG

ana Tech when Steeler great Terry Bradshaw played there. He claims that Brister and Bradshaw are comparable.

"You have to see Brister," warns Collins. "See him throw, see him move, and I think you would be equally impressed with him. If he played two full years for us, he would have been a first-round draft choice."

Heavy stuff. But even so, Brister is a prospect. Noll has to sort out from among three veteran candidates: Malone, David Woodley, and Scott Campbell, the-ex-Purdue quarterback who the Steeler brass feels has a "big-league arm, quick feet, and presence."

The Steelers do not have the glamorous running game of the Franco Harris days, but the underrated Frank Pollard and Walter Abercrombie still combined for 1,842 yards. Noll would like to make increased use of Pollard as a receiver, something he began to do late last season. Pittsburgh didn't use a high draft choice for a running back, a reflection of satisfaction with Pollard and Abercrombie and also faith in Rich Erenberg's power of recovery. An injury curtailed Erenberg's jack-of-all-trades effectiveness last fall.

Wide receiver is the principal strength of the offense. Louis Lipps is Pro Bowl stuff. His second Steeler season was as impressive as his first: 59 catches, 1,134 yards, 19.2 average, 15 touchdowns overall—two on punt returns—and a 12.1-yard punt-return average. John Stallworth's amazing comeback story continues. He caught 75 passes a year ago. His style has changed. He is more of a possession receiver now. His per-catch average was 12.5, about five yards under his career standard. But his value remains high. The tight ends, Bennie Cunningham and Preston Gotthard are basically blockers.

The Steelers allowed only 33 quarterback sacks and the run blocking wasn't bad, but what they have lacked is a dominant player in the line. They got just that in the draft when they selected Temple's John Rienstra, the concrete slab with a heartbeat. Rienstra once dead-lifted 738 pounds, then a national record. Not only that, but he plays offense with the aggression of a defender. His potential has been compared to the sacred name in offensive line play—John Hannah. Right now the Steelers line up with Mike Webster, possibly a future Hall of Famer, at center, Terry Long and Craig Wolfley at guards, and Tunch Ilkin and Ray Pinney at tackles. Pinney was dragging after playing an NFL season following a USFL season.

The draft also brought an eventual successor to all-time strong safety Donnie Shell, who is slowing rapidly at age 34. The Steelers picked Bill Callahan of Pitt in the fourth round. He is a good all-round player with enough speed to have returned an interception 78 yards for a touchdown against Brigham Young. Rick Woods will challenge Eric Williams at free safety. Dwayne Woodruff is the constant at left corner, but Harvey Clayton is vulnerable on the right side.

Darryl Sims, last year's No. 1 draftee, and Gerald Williams of Auburn, drafted in the second round this year, are keys to an improvement in the line, which lost some of its growl. Williams had nine sacks in his last college season. John Goodman may push aging nose tackle Gary Dunn. Keith Willis, Edmund Nelson, and Keith Gary are the veteran ends. The line has a lot of versatility.



MIKE WEBSTER

STEELERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
34	Abercrombie, Walter	RB	6-0	208	27	5	Baylor
1	Anderson, Gary	PK	5-11	174	27	5	Syracuse
71	Boures, Emil	G-C	6-1	260	26	5	Pitt
23	Brown, Chris	CB	6-0	205	24	3	Notre Dame
10	Campbell, Scott	QB	6-0	194	24	3	Purdue
91	Carr, Gregg	LB	6-11½	216	24	2	Auburn
78	Calano, Mark	DL	6-3	267	24	3	Valdosta St.
33	Clayton, Harvey	CB	5-9	179	25	4	Florida St.
56	Cole, Robin	LB	6-2	225	31	10	New Mexico
89	Cunningham, Bennie	TE	6-5	260	32	11	Clemson
67	Dunn, Gary	NT	6-3	275	33	10	Miami
42	Edwards, Dave	SS	6-0	192	24	2	Illinois
24	Erenberg, Rich	RB	5-10	195	24	3	Colgate
92	Gary, Keith	DE	6-3	265	27	4	Oklahoma
95	Goodman, John	DL	6-6	258	28	6	Oklahoma
86	Gothard, Preston	TE	6-4	237	24	2	Alabama
53	Hinkle, Bryan	LB	6-2	218	27	5	Oregon
29	Hooper, Dwayne	RB	6-0	219	23	1	Rutgers
62	Ilkin, Tunch	OT	6-3	262	29	7	Indiana St.
90	Kohrs, Bob	LB	6-3	235	28	6	Arizona St.
83	Lipps, Louis	WR	5-10	185	24	3	Southern Miss.
50	Little, David	LB	6-1	238	27	6	Florida
74	Long, Terry	G	5-11	265	27	3	East Carolina
16	Malone, Mark	QB	6-4	220	28	7	Arizona St.
57	Merriweather, Mike	LB	6-2	216	26	5	Pacific
47	Morse, Steve	RB	5-11	211	23	2	Virginia
64	Nelson, Edmund	DL	6-3	277	26	5	Auburn
18	Newsome, Harry	P	6-0	185	23	2	Wake Forest
65	Pinney, Ray	OT-C	6-4	262	32	8	Washington
80	Pokorny, Frank	WR	6-0	205	23	2	Youngstown St.
30	Pollard, Frank	RB	5-10	223	29	7	Baylor
60	Rasmussen, Randy	OL	6-1½	254	26	3	Minnesota
63	Rostovsky, Pete	OT	6-4	252	25	3	Connecticut
31	Shell, Donnie	SS	5-11	198	34	13	S.C. St.
99	Sims, Darryl	DE	6-3	265	25	2	Wisconsin
54	Small, Fred	LB	5-11	230	23	2	Washington
82	Stallworth, John	WR	6-2	202	34	13	Alabama A & M
26	Swain, John	CB	6-1	192	27	6	Miami
85	Sweeney, Calvin	WR	6-2	202	31	7	Southern Cal.
87	Thompson, Weegie	WR	6-6	209	25	3	Florida St.
25	Tuggle, Anthony	DB	6-1	210	23	2	Nicholls St.
51	Turk, Dan	C	6-4	270	24	2	Wisconsin
52	Webster, Mike	C	6-1½	260	34	13	Wisconsin
21	Williams, Eric	FS	6-1	190	26	4	N.C. St.
93	Willis, Keith	DE	6-1	258	27	5	Northeastern
55	Winston, Dennis	LB	6-0	238	31	10	Arkansas
73	Wolfley, Craig	G	6-1	265	28	7	Syracuse
19	Woodley, David	QB	6-2	211	28	7	LSU
49	Woodruff, Dwayne	CB	6-0	198	29	8	Louisville
22	Woods, Rick	DB	6-1	195	27	5	Boise St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Rienstra, John	OG	6-5	277	Temple
2	Williams, Gerald	DE	6-3	262	Auburn
3	Brister, Walter	QB	6-2	192	NE Louisiana
4	Callahan, Bill	DB	6-0	200	Pittsburgh
5	Tucker, Erroll	DB	5-8	169	Utah
5	Jones, Brent	TE	6-3	221	Sanita Clara
6	Bryant, Domingo	DB	6-3	178	Texas A&M
7	Carter, Rodney	RB	5-11	199	Purdue
8	Boso, Cap	TE	6-3	224	Illinois
9	Henton, Anthony	LB	6-1	218	Troy St.
10	Sletzt, Warren	WR	6-4	223	Missouri
11	Station, Larry	LB	5-11	227	Iowa
12	Williams, Mike	LB	6-1	221	Tulsa

The defensive strength is at linebacker, where four of the leading tacklers are. Mike Merriweather made the Pro Bowl again, even though his sacks dropped from 15 to 4. Bryan Hinkle, his partner on the outside, is solid. David Little led the team in tackles and Robin Cole is the leader at the inside positions.

Gary Anderson went 33-for-42 as the place-kicker, 27-for-29 inside the 40.

HOUSTON OILERS

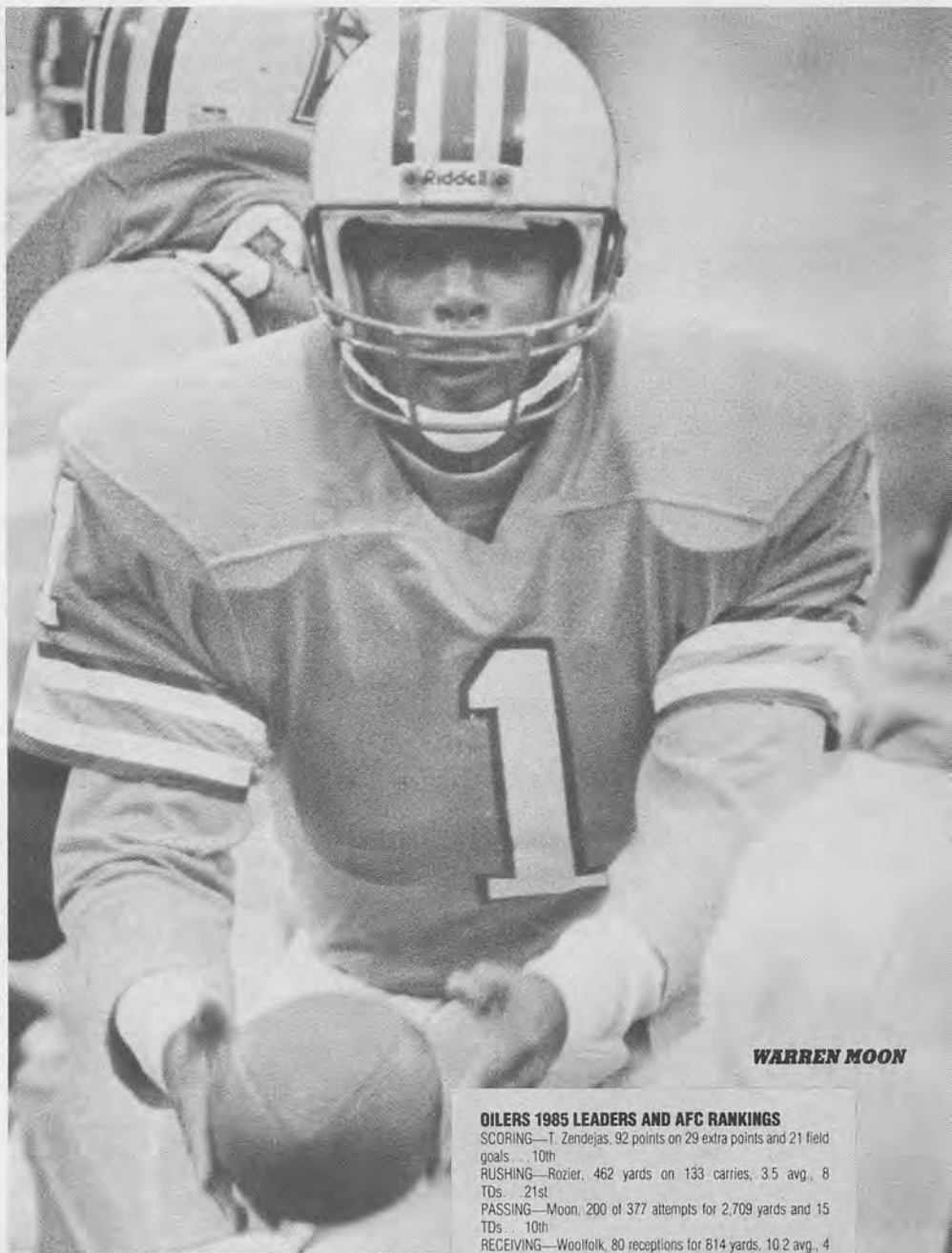
The final evidence that the Houston Oilers were taking a new direction occurred a few days before the last college draft. Robert Irsay, the erratic owner of the Indianapolis Colts, had taken matters into his own hands, which means predictability exits and comedy enters. It seems the Colts had been negotiating with the Oilers for a swap of draft choices. The Colts wanted to trade up and take Houston's third spot so that they might select Purdue quarterback Jim Everett. Houston's price was stiff and Indianapolis coach Rod Dowhower drew back.

Enter Irsay. Without telling Dowhower, Irsay made a deal with the New Orleans Saints for the fourth pick in the draft. It wouldn't assure Indy of Everett, but apparently Irsay didn't think of that. Indianapolis, then, had no more barter of consequence to deal further with Houston. Oilers' general manager Ladd Herzog, with his only viable customer out of trading material, thought it over and decided the Oilers would take Everett themselves. It was the beginning of the end of the Warren Moon era in Houston.

Moon, the quarterback the Oilers signed out of Canada for \$1 million a year, has had two frustrating seasons in the NFL. Part of it is due to the traditional instability of the Oilers' franchise. There were complaints last year that Moon was restrained from throwing downfield by cautious coaches. Unleashed in the final two games, he passed for 669 yards against the Giants and Cleveland.

While Moon has demonstrated extraordinary leadership abilities, he has functioned in a zoo. After Herzog fired Hugh Campbell late last season, he admitted the former Canadian League coach had been hired in the first place as a ploy to sign Moon when the quarterback was a free agent. Campbell coached Moon in Edmonton. Then Jerry Glanville, the defensive coordinator, was appointed interim head coach for the last few games, then optioned to limbo for a month after the season. Nevertheless, Glanville declared himself a candidate for the permanent job.

"If I'm not hired, I've got a lot of pluses to counteract it," Glanville said. "I've got the best wife a coach could have, a great son, and a dog that will still hunt. I'm down to 36 payments on my new car and I belong to a hell of a church. If I don't get the job, I'm still better off



WARREN MOON

OILERS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

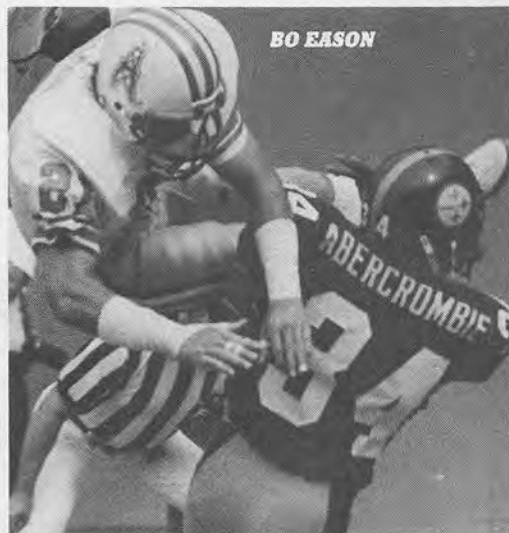
SCORING—T. Zendejas, 92 points on 29 extra points and 21 field goals. . . 10th
RUSHING—Rozier, 462 yards on 133 carries, 3.5 avg., 8 TDs. . . 21st
PASSING—Moon, 200 of 377 attempts for 2,709 yards and 15 TDs. . . 10th
RECEIVING—Woolfolk, 80 receptions for 814 yards, 10.2 avg., 4 TDs. . . 3rd
INTERCEPTIONS—S. Brown, 5 for 41 yards, 8.2 avg. . . 17th
PUNTING—L. Johnson, 83 punts, 41.7 avg., longest 65 yards. . . 6th
PUNT RETURNS—Dreurey, 24 for 215 yards, 9.0 avg. . . 6th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Dreurey, 26 for 642 yards, 24.7 avg. . . 3rd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

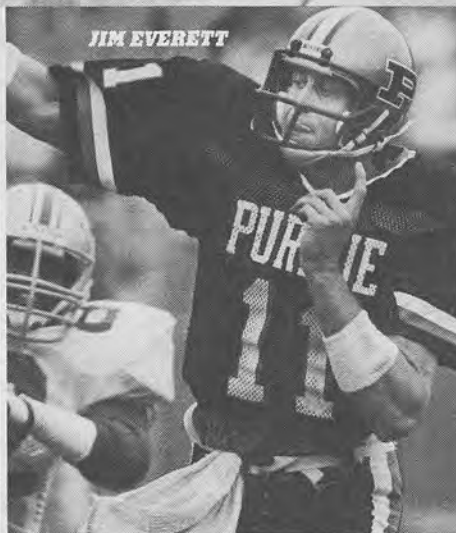
August . . . 6 At Los Angeles Rams (N)
16 BUFFALO (N)
23 NEW ORLEANS (N)
30 At Dallas (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September	7	At Green Bay	6-21
	14	CLEVELAND	23-20
	21	At Kansas City	7-30
	28	PITTSBURGH	—
October	5	At Detroit	—
	12	CHICAGO	—
	19	At Cincinnati	27-45
	26	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	—
November	2	At Miami	26-23
	9	CINCINNATI	44-27
	16	At Pittsburgh	0-20
	23	INDIANAPOLIS	16-34
	30	At Cleveland	21-28
December	7	At San Diego	37-35
	14	MINNESOTA	—
	21	BUFFALO	0-20



BO EASON



JIM EVERETT

than a lot of people in Houston." Glanville has a superb mental attitude, and he will need it. The Oilers gave him the job.

Everett shouldn't be perplexed by the bizarre goings on in Houston. He's still probably better off than going to Indianapolis and Irsay. Quarterback wasn't the only problem in the Oilers' offense. They ranked 24th in offense, 25th in rushing, and 19th in passing.

The four draft picks after Everett also were offensive guys. Most of them are likely to play far more than the first-round selection. Chosen second was Ernest Givens, the Louisville wide receiver who reminds scouts of another ex-Cardinal pass catcher, all-pro Mark Clayton of Miami. Except that Givens has even more potential coming out of college and was more productive, with an 18.9-yard average on his 67 career catches plus a 27.6-yard kickoff-return average as a senior. Givens should team with Drew Hill, who had a great

year with 64 catches, nine touchdowns, and an 18.3-yard average, and Tim Smith to help give Moon a last chance to redeem himself. Jeff Parks, who blocked for Bo Jackson at Auburn, should have the stuff to push for steady work as a tight end.

The Oilers didn't have a runner in the top 20 in the AFC rankings, but the potential is there. Maybe ex-Heisman Trophy winner Mike Rozier needed a rest after playing back-to-back USFL-NFL seasons. He did score eight touchdowns and average 3.5 yards on his 133 carries. Butch Woolfolk caught 80 passes. Larry Moriarty can be a load at fullback. Now the Oilers have Allen Pinkett, the little guy who set an all-time Notre Dame record by running for 4,131 yards during his career. Pinkett isn't that fast. He's a straight-line runner and he's short, but he also did the job against the best of major-college competition.

The Oilers' offensive strength is in the line. Guard Mike Munchak was a Pro Bowl starter again, tackle Bruce Matthews had a good year, and Harvey Salem at left tackle and Jim Romano at center are experienced. The hope is that Dean Steinkuhler will recover from his knee injury to push John Schumacher at right tackle. Mike Kelley, a second-year pro, is expected to compete with Romano.

Only San Diego saved the Oilers from the ignominy of finishing last in the NFL in defense. Houston was last in stopping the run and 18th against the pass. The Oilers have a

lot of holes. The only position with any degree of solidity is safety, where Keith Bostic on the strong side and Bo Eason at free both perform. The bust of the 1985 draft was cornerback Richard Johnson, the second of two first-round choices. He didn't even get to play as a nickel back until injuries to other backs forced him into the lineup.

Ray Childress, the No. 1 pick, had just 4½ sacks, but his all-round play has the Oilers delighted, especially in view of his long hold-out which lasted almost until opening day. This year the Oilers look to second-year linemen Doug Smith and Richard Byrd to push Mike Stensrud and Jesse Baker. The linebacking strengths are Frank Bush on the outside and Avon Riley inside.

Houston does have some prize specialists. Steve Tasker averaged 26.3 yards on 17 kickoff returns. Willie Drewery is a threat on punt and kickoff returns. And Tony Zendejas kicked 21 field goals in 27 attempts.



MIKE ROZIER



TIM SMITH



MIKE MUNCHAK

OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
56	Abraham, Robert	LB	6-1	230	26	5	N.C. St.
86	Aku, Mike	WR	5-9	185	23	2	Hawaii
29	Allen, Patrick	CB	5-10	185	25	3	Utah State
75	Baker, Jesse	DE	6-5	271	29	8	Jacksonville St.
25	Bostic, Keith	SS	6-1	210	25	4	Michigan
92	Briehl, Tom	LB	6-3	247	24	2	Stanford
24	Brown, Steve	CB	5-11	189	26	4	Oregon
94	Bush, Frank	LB	6-1	218	23	2	N.C. St.
71	Byrd, Richard	MG	6-3	255	24	2	So. Mississippi
79	Childress, Ray	DE	6-6	267	24	2	Texas A&M
42	Crutchfield, Dwayne	RB	6-0	245	27	4	Iowa St.
31	Donaldson, Jeff	SS	6-0	193	24	3	Colorado
88	Dressel, Chris	TE	6-4	238	25	4	Stanford
82	Drewery, Willie	WR	5-7	158	23	2	West Virginia
21	Eason, Bo	FS	6-2	200	25	3	Cal-Davis
32	Edwards, Stan	RB	6-0	210	26	5	Michigan
68	Golic, Mike	DE	6-5	265	24	1	Notre Dame
59	Grimsley, John	LB	6-2	232	24	3	Kentucky
41	Hare, Frank	MG	6-2	244	23	1	Kentucky
85	Hill, Drew	WR	5-9	170	30	8	Georgia Tech
66	Howell, Pat	OG	6-6	265	29	8	USC
11	Johnson, Lee	P-K	6-1	204	25	2	BYU
97	Johnson, Mike	DE	6-5	253	24	3	Illinois
23	Johnson, Richard	CB	6-1	195	23	2	Wisconsin
58	Kelley, Mike	OL	6-5	266	24	2	Notre Dame
37	Kush, Rod	FS	6-1	195	30	7	Nebraska
10	Luck, Oliver	QB	6-2	196	26	5	West Virginia
28	Lyday, Allen	FS	5-10	186	26	3	Nebraska
93	Lyles, Robert	LB	6-1	223	25	3	TCU
74	Matthews, Bruce	OT	6-4	280	25	4	USC
89	McCloskey, Mike	TE	6-5	246	25	4	Penn St.
26	McMillan, Audrey	DB	6-0	190	24	2	Houston
91	Meads, Johnny	LB	6-2	225	25	3	Nicholls St.
1	Moon, Warren	QB	6-3	208	30	3	Washington
76	Moran, Eric	OT	6-5	282	26	3	Washington
30	Moriarty, Larry	RB	6-1	240	28	4	Notre Dame
63	Munchak, Mike	OG	6-3	286	26	5	Penn St.
53	Riley, Avon	LB	6-3	236	28	6	UCLA
55	Romano, Jim	C	6-3	255	27	5	Penn State
33	Rozier, Mike	RB	5-10	198	25	2	Nebraska
73	Salem, Harvey	OT	6-6	285	25	4	Cal-Berkeley
62	Schumacher, John	OG	5-3	277	31	8	USC
99	Smith, Doug	MG	6-4	285	26	2	Auburn
83	Smith, Tim	WR	6-2	206	29	7	Nebraska
72	Sochia, Brian	MG	6-3	254	25	4	N.W. Okla. St.
70	Steinkuhler, Dean	OG	6-3	273	25	2	Nebraska
67	Stensrud, Mike	MG	6-5	280	30	8	Iowa State
80	Tasker, Steve	KR	5-9	185	24	2	Northwestern
87	Williams, Jamie	TE	6-4	232	26	4	Nebraska
40	Woolfolk, Butch	RB	6-1	212	26	5	Michigan
7	Zendejas, Tony	K	5-8	160	26	2	Nevada-Reno

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Everett, Jim	QB	6-5	208	Purdue
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3	Pinkett, Allen	RB	5-8	181	Notre Dame
5	Parks, Jeff	TE	6-3	233	Auburn
6	Wallace, Ray	RB	6-0	215	Purdue
8	Griffin, Larry	DB	5-11	195	North Carolina
9	Sebring, Bob	LB	6-1	234	Illinois
10	Sommer, Dan	OG	6-4	260	Texas El Paso
11	Cochran, Mark	OT	6-5	261	Baylor
12	Banks, Chuck	RB	6-0	219	West Va. Tech

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DENVER BRONCOS

The Broncos describe themselves as a "team of accomplishment and consistency." Who can knock it? In the last two years they were a combined 24-8. In the last decade, only three NFL teams have better won-lost records. Only Miami and Dallas have had more 10-victory seasons in that span. But the Broncos are unfulfilled. Gleaming won-lost records are not enough. The team was 11-5 last season, the third-best record in the league, and didn't even make the playoffs.

"We have learned that you must control your division to make the playoffs," admits Dan Reeves, the coach. "Six of our eight division games went into overtime or were decided in the last minute. Anyone in this division can beat you, so there are no breathers."

The Broncos were 5-3 in the AFC West. Two of their overtime losses, 28-31 and 14-17, were suffered at the hands of Los Angeles. The Raiders were division champions. Nothing else need be said.

What can the Broncos do to take that extra step? They can develop more steely nerves, for one thing. They can put some needed balance in their offense. The most important thing may be for their young players to jump to the next plateau of development. The team's 1986 draft, for the most part, was mortgaged in past years. The only newcomer of note is Mark Haynes, once an all-pro cornerback for the Giants. The Broncos will have to make the necessary improvement through better play on the part of players already on their roster.

The most prominent of these is John Elway, the quarterback. Elway had some impressive statistics. He completed more passes than any Bronco quarterback before him (327). His passing yardage (3,891) not only was a club record but was second in the NFL in '85. His total offense (4,144 yards) led the league. He threw 22 touchdown passes and he is 25-9 in his last 34 starts. His teammates voted him their most valuable player. What more can be asked of the guy?

There is an answer. If the Broncos are to jump ahead of the opposition in their division, Elway probably is going to have to be the superstar he was predicted to become when he came out of Stanford University in the 1983 draft. Excellence may not be enough. Reeves said as much before this season: "When you have 11 of your 16 games decided in the last few minutes, that's an awful lot of pressure on your quarterback, and John just did a great job of leading us to 11 wins. I look forward to his improving even more next year."

Steve Sewell, last year's No. 1 draftee, comes under the heading of young guys from whom the Broncos need greater contributions. Sewell carried the ball 71 times for 275 yards and scored four rushing touchdowns. He is the best of the Bronco backs at catching the



JOHN ELWAY

BRONCOS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Karlis, 110 points on 41 extra points and 23 field goals. . 6th
RUSHING—Winder, 714 yards on 199 carries, 3.6 avg., 8 TDs. . 17th
PASSING—Elway, 327 of 605 attempts for 3,891 yards and 22 TDs. . 8th
RECEIVING—Watson, 61 receptions for 915 yards, 15.0 avg., 5 TDs. . 14th
INTERCEPTIONS—Harden, 5 for 100 yards, 20.0 avg., 1 TD. . 13th
PUNTING—Norman, 92 punts, 40.9 avg., longest 61 yards. . 9th
PUNT RETURNS—V. Johnson, 30 for 260 yards, 8.7 avg. . 9th
KICKOFF RETURNS—V. Johnson, 30 for 740 yards, 24.7 avg. . 4th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	9	NEW ORLEANS (N)
	16	At Minnesota (N)
	23	SAN FRANCISCO (N)
	29	LOS ANGELES RAMS (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS 14-17
	15	At Pittsburgh (N) 31-23
	21	At Philadelphia 17-10
	28	NEW ENGLAND 17-10
October	5	DALLAS 17-10
	12	At San Diego 10-30
	20	At New York Jets (N) 17-10
	26	SEATTLE 13-10
November	2	At Los Angeles Raiders 28-31
	9	SAN DIEGO 30-24
	16	KANSAS CITY 14-13
	23	At New York Giants 17-10
	30	CINCINNATI 17-10
December	7	At Kansas City 30-10
	13	WASHINGTON 17-10
	20	At Seattle 27-24

ANDRE TOWNSEND

RULON JONES



ball. He had a 54-yard score and caught 24 passes. Reeves talks of using the three-man backfield San Diego began to popularize last year. Sewell would be important in that one.

Van Johnson is another vital young man. He started only the last half of the season as a rookie, but he caught 51 passes for 721 yards and led the team in punt and kickoff returns. His 1,757 total yards were the most by an NFL rookie in '85.

There are a number of young players on defense who are key to Denver's taking that extra step. The old "bend-but-don't-break" Bronco defensive philosophy is about to be discarded. "We'll attack a little more on defense," says Reeves.

The Broncos are ready for change in the defensive line. Second-year nose tackle Greg Kragen and ends Andre Townsend and Simon Fletcher will be aimed at the jobs of the venerable nose tackle Rubin Carter and the equally revered end Barney Chavous. "Rulon Jones [the other end] is the only guy who's really set," admits Reeves.

Ricky Hunley was obtained from Cincinnati at a dear price and he hasn't produced yet, but the Broncos may move him to inside linebacker alongside Steve Busick and move Pro Bowl hybrid (part linebacker-part down lineman) Karl Mecklenburg to the outside.

Haynes should make an enormous difference in the secondary, lined up at right corner across from the veteran Louis Wright. "I'd say this makes us a pretty solid unit," admits defensive coordinator Joe Collier. "What he would add to us is the fact that we wouldn't have to cover up for any kind of weakness. This way you can go with a heavier rush, because you can play man coverage."

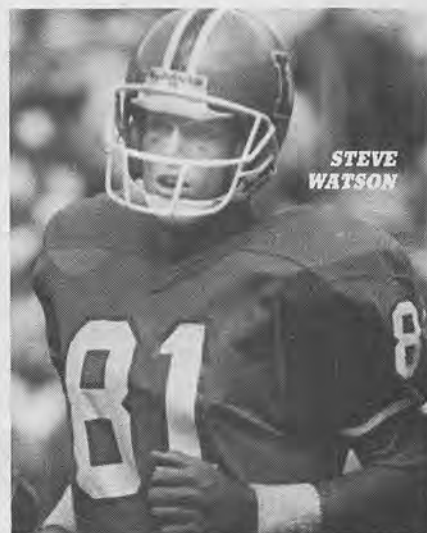
The Broncos have plenty of veteran talent to meld with the emerging youngsters. Steve Watson caught 61 passes for a 15-yard average. Despite injuries and missed games, Sammy Winder rushed for 915 yards. Gerald

Wilhite ran for 237 yards and caught 35 passes. The one high draftee, Illinois guard Jim Juriga, isn't expected to crack the veteran unit of Bill Bryan at center, Keith Bishop and Paul Howard at guards, with Dave Studdard and Ken Lanier at tackles. The Bronco coaches also think Clarence Kay is the best blocking tight end in the NFL. The deep secondary is another strong defensive area, with strong safety Dennis Smith in the Pro Bowl and free safety Steve Foley smart and dependable.

Ex-Miami kicker Uwe Von Schamann will be among those challenging Rick Karlis. Punter Chris Norman is not safe either.



LOUIS WRIGHT



STEVE WATSON

BRONCOS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
85	Barber, Mike	TE	6-3	237	33	11	La. Tech
54	Bishop, Keith	C/G	6-3	265	29	6	Baylor
64	Bryan, Billy	C	6-2	255	31	10	Duke
58	Busick, Steve	LB	6-4	227	28	6	U.S.C.
68	Carter, Rubin	NT	6-0	256	34	12	Miami
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	258	35	14	S. Cal. St.
59	Combeaux, Darren	LB	6-1	227	26	5	Arizona
63	Cooper, Mark	G	6-5	267	26	4	Miami
55	Dennison, Rick	LB	6-3	220	28	7	Colorado St.
7	Elway, John	QB	6-3	210	26	4	Stanford
73	Fletcher, Simon	DE	6-5	240	24	2	Houston
43	Foley, Steve	S	6-3	190	33	11	Tulane
62	Freeman, Mike	G	6-3	256	25	2	Arizona
72	Graves, Marshanne	T	6-3	272	24	2	Arizona
31	Harden, Mike	CB	6-1	192	28	7	Michigan
	Haynes, Mark	CB	5-11	195	28	7	Colorado
74	Hood, Winford	T	6-3	262	24	3	Georgia
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	36	13	Brigham Young
98	Hunley, Ricky	LB	6-2	238	25	3	Arizona
25	Hunter, Daniel	CB	5-11	175	24	2	Henderson St.
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	35	14	Louisville
86	Johnson, Butch	WR	6-1	187	32	10	Cal.-Riverside
82	Johnson, Vance	WR	5-11	174	33	2	Arizona
75	Jones, Rulon	DE	6-6	260	28	7	Utah State
3	Karlis, Rich	K	6-0	180	27	5	Cincinnati
88	Kay, Clarence	TE	6-2	237	25	3	Georgia
71	Kragen, Greg	NT	6-3	245	24	2	Utah State
8	Kubiak, Gary	QB	6-0	192	25	4	Texas A&M
33	Lang, Gene	RB	5-10	196	24	3	LSU
76	Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	269	27	6	Florida St.
22	Lilly, Tony	S	6-0	199	24	3	Florida
	Mills, Jim	OT	6-9	281	25	3	Hawaii
67	Miraldo, Dean	T	6-5	285	28	5	Utah
77	Mecklenburg, Karl	LB	6-3	230	26	4	Minnesota
1	Norman, Chris	P	6-2	198	24	3	S. Carolina
34	Poole, Nathan	RB	5-9	212	30	6	Louisville
48	Robbins, Randy	CB	6-2	189	24	3	Arizona
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	218	29	8	William & Mary
84	Sampson, Clint	WR	5-11	183	25	4	San Diego St.
83	Sawyer, John	TE	6-2	230	33	10	Southern Miss.
30	Sewell, Steve	RB	6-3	210	23	2	Oklahoma
56	Smith, Aaron	LB	6-2	225	24	2	Utah St.
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	27	6	U.S.C.
70	Studdard, Dave	T	6-4	260	31	8	Texas
61	Townsend, Andre	DE/NT	6-3	265	24	3	Mississippi
81	Watson, Steve	WR	6-4	195	29	8	Temple
47	Willhite, Gerald	RB	5-10	200	27	5	San Jose St.
45	Wilson, Steve	CB	5-10	195	29	8	Howard
23	Winder, Sammy	RB	5-11	203	27	5	Southern Miss.
52	Woodard, Ken	LB	6-1	218	26	5	Tuskegee
87	Wright, James	TE	6-3	240	30	9	TCU
20	Wright, Louis	CB	6-3	200	33	12	San Jose St.

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
4	Juriga, Jim	OT	6-6	260	Illinois
5	Colorito, Tony	NT	6-5	244	Southern Cal
6	Mobley, Orson	TE	6-5	256	Salem (WV)
6	Jackson, Mark	WR	5-9	174	Purdue
7	Phillips, Raymond	LB	6-3	240	N.C. State
8	Klosterman, Bruce	LB	6-4	225	South Dakota St.
9	Thomas, Joe	WR	5-11	167	Miss. Valley St.
10	Hall, Victor	TE	6-3	234	Jackson St.
11	Dendy, Thomas	RB	5-10	187	South Carolina



KARL MECKLENBURG



MARCUS ALLEN

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Al Davis may have to forfeit his title as "the Genius." The Raiders are defending champions of the AFC West, but they won that championship with some hairbreadth football and anyone who expects them to be automatic repeaters isn't looking at this team very closely.

First, consider the Raiders' stretch run in 1985: a seven-point victory over Cincinnati, an overtime squeaker over Denver, a 10-pointer over Atlanta, a second overtime victory over the Broncos, a 10-point conquest of Seattle, and a 10-pointer over the Los Angeles Rams. In four of those games, the Raiders, thin of offensive weapons, scored 17 points or less.

The Raiders are in trouble at quarterback and with their deep receivers. Their offense consists, essentially, of Marcus Allen, the superb running back, and tight end Todd Christensen. The unthinkable is that Allen might be seriously injured and lost for any critical period.

Allen not only led the NFL in ground-gaining, with 1,759 yards, he was the No. 2 pass receiver behind Christensen, with 67 catches for another 555 yards. The former Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California scored 14 touchdowns. In the playoff loss to New England, he added another 121 yards rushing. It isn't just the numbers, it's the consistency of the numbers. Allen gained 100 yards or more in 12 of the Raiders' 17 games last season, including the playoff. That takes in the last 10 games, when L.A. roared to the division championship. Allen's teammate at fullback, Frank Hawkins, is a fine blocker and an able short-yardage runner.

Christensen is the other Raider offensive star who has contributed consistent excellence. Last year he caught 82 passes for 987 yards and six touchdowns. He had four games in which his receptions meant 100 yards or more.

That is a heavy load to put on just two players. Davis tried to swing a deal for quarterback Marc Wilson on draft day, but he was unsuccessful. Wilson draws one of the largest salaries in the NFL and he just isn't worth it. Even considering that he was the quarterback of record in 13 games in which the Raiders went 11-2, and granting that he played part of the year with the aftereffects of a separated shoulder, Wilson is not the prototype of a championship quarterback.

Jim Plunkett missed 13 games of his 15th season because of injury, and there is little chance the 38-year-old will be much healthier in 1986. Which leaves the Raiders saying kind things about Rusty Hilger, who completed just four of his 13 passes as a rookie and was sacked three times. But then, the Raiders are accustomed to fulfilling their football fantasies, so don't discount Hilger completely.

Davis tried to swing a draft-day deal for Hawaii's Walter Murray, but the Washington Redskins beat him to it. It underlined another offensive crisis at wide receiver. No one resembles Cliff Branch or Fred Biletnikoff, including the 37-year-old Branch. Dokie Williams had nice statistics—48 catches for a 19.3-yard average and five touchdowns—but he doesn't terrify defenses. Jesse Hester caught 32 balls as a rookie, averaging 20.8 yards and scoring five times, but he may not be the killer receiver the Raiders seek.

Except for 35-year-old tackle Henry Lawrence, the rest of the offensive line is in its prime, with Don Mosebar having taken over at

RAIDERS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—C. Bahr, 100 points on 40 extra points and 20 field goals . . . 9th
RUSHING—Allen, 1,759 yards on 380 carries, 4.6 avg., 11 TDs . . . 1st
PASSING—Wilson, 193 of 388 attempts for 2,608 yards and 16 TDs . . . 13th
RECEIVING—Christensen, 82 receptions for 987 yards, 12.0 avg., 6 TDs . . . 2nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Hayes, 4 for 27 yards, 6.8 avg., 1 TD . . . 24th
PUNTING—Guy, 89 punts, 40.8 avg., longest 68 yards . . . 10th
PUNT RETURNS—Walker, 62 for 692 yards, 11.2 avg. . . 3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS—Walker, 21 for 467 yards, 22.2 avg. . . 8th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 10 At San Francisco
16 DALLAS (N)
22 NEW ENGLAND (N)
28 CLEVELAND (N)

1986 SCHEDULE 1985 SCORES

September	7	At Denver	17-14
	14	At Washington	—
	21	NEW YORK GIANTS	—
	28	SAN DIEGO	34-21
October	5	At Kansas City	20-36
	12	SEATTLE	13-3
	19	At Miami	—
	26	At Houston	—
November	2	DENVER	31-28
	9	At Dallas	—
	16	CLEVELAND	21-20
	20	At San Diego (N)	40-34
	30	PHILADELPHIA	—
December	8	At Seattle (N)	3-33
	14	KANSAS CITY	19-10
	21	INDIANAPOLIS	—



MARC WILSON

center, Charley Hannah and Mickey Marvin at guards, and Bruce Davis at the other tackle.

Where the Raiders make their money is on defense. They finished fourth in the NFL overall, fifth against the run, and seventh against the pass. What doesn't show is the true grit in pressure situations. Nor the intimidation factor. Start with the pass rush. L.A. had 65 sacks in 1985, more than any team in football, including the Chicago Bears.

The man who makes the defense go is end Howie Long, the foremost defender in the league. The first thing any opposing offensive coordinator does when he plots his attack against the Raiders is devise a strategy for Long, which usually involves double- and triple-teaming. With so many blockers occu-

ried, avenues are left open for nose tackle Bill Pickell, one of the emerging stars in the NFL, and raw talent Sean Jones at the other end. The three starters accounted for 33 sacks a year ago. The line talent doesn't end there. Greg Townsend comes in as the designated quarterback assassin. Explosively quick, he had 10 sacks. Now there is a new face, surprise first-round draft choice Bob Buczkowski of Pitt, whose forte is getting off the ball quickly and stopping the run.

The linebacking is resoundingly competent. Last year's surprise was Reggie McKenzie, a low-round draft choice who ended up starting on the inside. Matt Millen, the tank who masquerades as a linebacker, is his partner. All-pro Rod Martin and ex-Giant star Brad Van

Pelt play the outside. The bench includes ex-Eagle star Jerry Robinson and Jack Squirek.

The secondary plays more tight man-to-man coverages than any NFL team and is, in a word, the best. Lester Hayes isn't the cornerback he once was, but the draft brings Michigan's Brad Cochran to back him up. The other corner, Mike Haynes, remains peerless. Free safety Vann McElroy and strong safety Mike David are hitters and in the Pro Bowl class. Stacy Toran is a corner.

The punt returners averaged 11.1 yards, the kickoff returners 20 yards, and the coverage is superb. Punter Ray Guy put 32 kicks inside the 20-yard line and had just 26 of 89 returned. Chris Bahr kicked 20 field goals in 32 tries. No one has better special teams.

RAIDERS VETERAN ROSTER

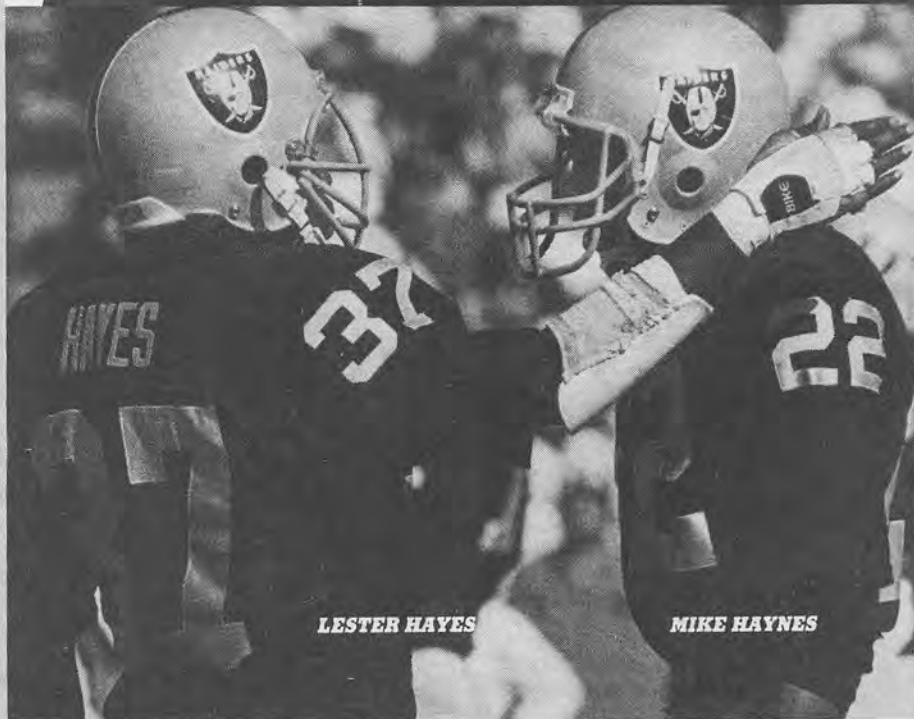
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10	Bahr, Chris	K	5-10	170	33	11	Penn State
56	Barnes, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	31	10	California
76	Belcher, Kevin	T	6-5	285	25	2	Wisconsin
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	38	15	Colorado
46	Christensen, Todd	TE	6-3	230	30	8	Brigham Young
	Cooper, Earl	TE	6-2	232	29	7	Rice
50	Dalby, Dave	C	6-3	250	36	15	UCLA
79	Davis, Bruce	T	6-6	280	30	8	UCLA
82	Davis, Bruce	WR	5-8	160	23	2	Baylor
45	Davis, James	CB	6-0	200	29	5	Southern
36	Davis, Mike	S	6-3	205	30	9	Colorado
94	Franks, Elvis	DE	6-4	270	29	7	Morgan St.
8	Guy, Ray	P	6-3	200	37	14	Southern Miss.
73	Hannah, Charley	G	6-5	260	31	10	Alabama
27	Hawkins, Frank	RB	5-9	210	27	6	Nevada-Reno
37	Hayes, Lester	CB	6-0	200	31	10	Texas A&M
22	Haynes, Mike	CB	6-2	190	33	11	Arizona St.
84	Hester, Jessie	WR	5-11	170	23	2	Florida St.
12	Hilger, Rusty	QB	6-4	200	24	2	Oklahoma St.
31	Jensen, Derrick	RB	6-1	220	30	8	Texas-Arlington
99	Jones, Sean	DE	6-7	275	24	2	Northeastern
74	Jordan, Shelby	T	6-7	280	34	10	Washington (MO)
87	Junkin, Trey	TE	6-2	225	25	4	Louisiana Tech
90	Kimmel, Jamie	LB	6-3	235	24	1	Syracuse
33	King, Kenny	RB	5-11	205	29	8	Oklahoma
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-4	275	35	13	Florida A&M
75	Long, Howie	DE	6-4	270	26	6	Villanova
60	Marsh, Curt	G	6-5	275	27	5	Washington
53	Martin, Rod	LB	6-2	225	32	10	Southern Cal.
65	Marvin, Mickey	G	6-4	265	31	10	Tennessee
26	McElroy, Vann	S	6-2	195	26	5	Baylor
54	McKenzie, Reggie	LB	6-1	240	23	2	Tennessee
23	McKinney, Odis	S	6-2	190	29	9	Colorado
35	McSwain, Chuck	RB	6-0	195	25	3	Clemson
55	Millen, Matt	LB	6-2	245	28	7	Penn State
83	Moffett, Tim	WR	6-1	175	24	2	Mississippi
28	Montgomery, Cle	WR	5-8	180	30	6	Abilene Christian
72	Musebar, Don	C	6-6	270	25	4	Southern Cal
51	Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	33	9	Nebraska
81	Parker, Andy	TE	6-5	240	25	3	Utah
71	Pickell, Bill	DT	6-5	260	27	4	Rutgers
16	Plunkett, Jim	QB	6-2	225	39	16	Stanford
57	Robinson, Jerry	LB	6-2	225	30	8	UCLA
69	Russell, Rusty	T	6-5	295	23	2	S. Carolina
43	Seale, Sam	CB	5-9	175	24	3	Western St.
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93	Townsend, Greg	DE	6-3	250	25	4	TCU
68	Van Divier, Randy	T	6-5	290	28	3	Washington
91	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	35	14	Michigan St.
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4	McCaullum, Napoleon	RB	6-2	218	Navy
6	Marrone, Doug	OT	6-5	280	Syracuse
7	Lewis, Bill	C	6-6	285	Nebraska
8	Maunell, Joe	LB	6-3½	230	E. Kentucky
9	Lee, Zeph	RB	6-3	220	Southern Cal
10	Reinke, Jeff	OT	6-5	280	Mankato St.
11	Webster, Randell	LB	6-2	218	SW Oklahoma
12	Shepherd, Larry	WR	6-3	195	Houston



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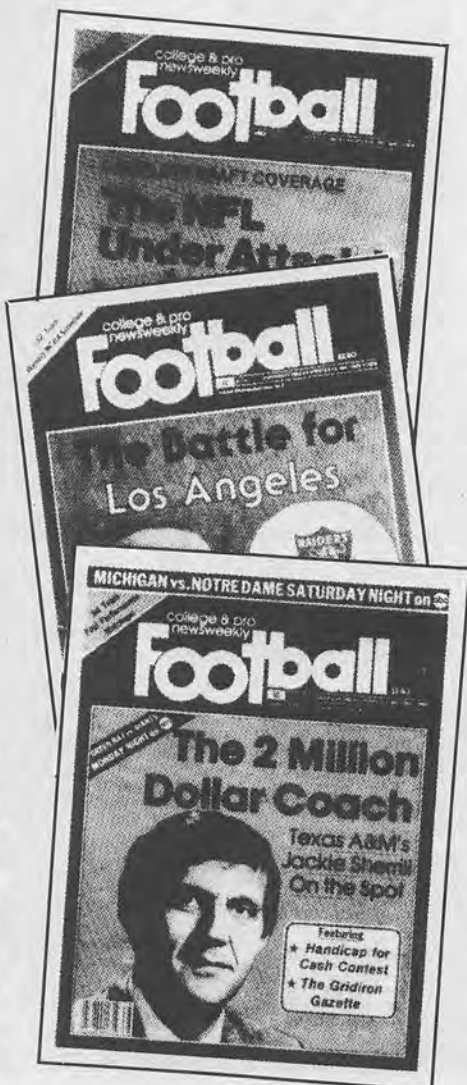
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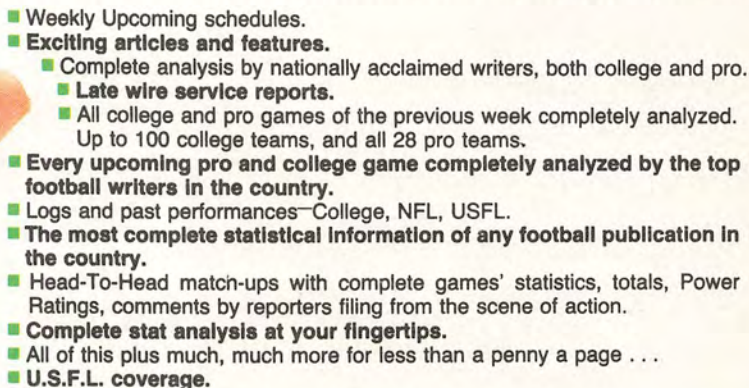
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This Weekend

AUBURN vs. ALABAMA
At Birmingham, Ala.
3:30 P.M. EST Saturday
ABC-TV
Announcers: Keith Jackson and Frank Broyles

THE SERIES
Alabama leads 20-18-1 edge (losing back to Feb. 22, 1983) last year Auburn lost to Alabama in the first game of the season and then the game was a 14-14 tie. Auburn's offense was held to 14 points in the game. Auburn's defense was held to 14 points in the game. Auburn's offense was held to 14 points in the game. Auburn's defense was held to 14 points in the game.

THE COACHES
Ray Rife is now in his third year as head coach of Auburn. He has a record of 20-12-1 in three years. Auburn's offense was held to 14 points in the game. Auburn's defense was held to 14 points in the game.

PREDICTION
Auburn will be the favorite in this game. Auburn's offense was held to 14 points in the game. Auburn's defense was held to 14 points in the game.

Coach Ray Rife

KEY STATS
Alabama's offense is the best in the SEC. Auburn's defense is the best in the SEC. Auburn's offense is the best in the SEC. Auburn's defense is the best in the SEC.

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College Games of Nov. 23			
(81) California (PK) at Stanford (52)	(53) UCLA (-5) at USC (54)	(55) Washington St. (+6) at Washington (56)	
<p>California (81) vs. Stanford (52): Stanford leads 10-9-1. California is 10-9-1. Stanford's offense is the best in the Pac-10. California's defense is the best in the Pac-10.</p>	<p>UCLA (53) vs. USC (54): USC leads 10-9-1. UCLA is 10-9-1. USC's offense is the best in the Pac-10. UCLA's defense is the best in the Pac-10.</p>	<p>Washington St. (55) vs. Washington (56): Washington leads 10-9-1. Washington St. is 10-9-1. Washington's offense is the best in the Pac-10. Washington's defense is the best in the Pac-10.</p>	

New England (+4 1/2) at Miami			
AFC Championship Game, Jan. 12, 4 P.M.			
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Preview of upcoming game

MATCH UPS - ROSTER - STATISTICS - PAST RESULTS - ANALYSIS

FORREST GROGG PR: 137-145-146	CINCINNATI (11-4) AT Bengals	LEAMEN BARNETT PR: 145-142-141	ATLANTA (7-7) NT Falcons
S. 6 Seattle ¹³⁴ (+4N)(+4S) 12 at N.Y.		S. 6 New Orleans ¹³² (+10)(+9S) 13 at Green Bay ¹³¹ (+5)(+4) 27 at San Fran ¹³⁴ (+8)(+9) O. 5 at Philadelphia ¹⁴¹ (+2)(+2S) 11 Los Angeles ¹⁴¹ (+2)(+1S) 18 St. Louis ¹³⁴ (+9)(+8S) 25 N.Y. Giants ¹³⁴ (+8)(+8 OT) 1 at New Orleans ¹³⁴ (+8)(+6S) 8 at San Fran ¹⁴¹ (PK)(+2S) 15 Pittsburgh ¹⁴¹ (+5)(+5) 23 Minnesota ¹⁴¹ (+3)(+4) 29 at Houston ¹⁴¹ (+3)(+4) 14 at Tampa Bay ¹⁴¹ (PK)(+2) 20 Cincinnati	W 27-0 W 31-17 W 34-17 L 17-28 L 13-16 L 35-37 W 41-20 L 24-27 W 41-10 L 14-17 L 20-34 L 31-30 * 31-27 L 23-24 9-00 1-00

COLLEGE MATCHUPS

(43) Missouri (-6) at Kansas (44)

MISSOURI (7-3) NT

Warren Powers (29-16)
Off: Veer
PR: 107-109-110

1981 Schedule

S. 12 Army⁷⁰ (+22)(+21)
19 Rice⁷⁷ (+15)(+15S)
26 Louisville⁶⁹ (NL)(NL)
O. 3 at Miss. St.¹¹⁵ (-5)(-7)
10 Kansas St.⁷⁵ (+18)(+20)
17 at Iowa St.⁹⁹ (+2)(+3 1/2)
24 Nebraska¹²² (-4)(-7)
31 Oklahoma St.⁹² (+13)(+12 1/2)
N. 7 at Colorado⁷⁵ (+13)(+13)
14 Oklahoma¹²⁴ (-7)(-7)
21 at Kansas

RETURN

Lettermen 37
Starters (Off) 3
Starters (Def) 5

Game No. 10

Turnovers once again hurt the Sooners of Oklahoma. They fumbled nine times, losing six of them en route to a loss. Bob Meyer rushed for 108 yards and one touchdown to lead the Tigers to the upset.

OKLA			MISSOURI		
1st Downs	16	138	1st Downs	16	138
Rushes-Yds.	54-296	50-213	Rushes-Yds.	54-296	50-213
Passing Yds.	102	138	Passing Yds.	102	138
Return Yds.	22	13	Return Yds.	22	13
Punts	8-19-2	11-25-1	Punts	8-19-2	11-25-1
Fumbles-lost	5-41-0	7-45-3	Fumbles-lost	5-41-0	7-45-3
Penalties-Yds.	9-6	2-1	Penalties-Yds.	9-6	2-1
Totals After 10 Games			Totals After 10 Games		
1st Dns.	171	135	1st Dns.	171	135
Rsh. Att.	482	459	Rsh. Att.	482	459
Rsh. Yds.	1578	1446	Rsh. Yds.	1578	1446
Avg. Rsh.	3.3	3.2	Avg. Rsh.	3.3	3.2
Ps. Comp.	145	126	Ps. Comp.	145	126
Ps. Att.	284	256	Ps. Att.	284	256
Ps. Yds.	1820	1176	Ps. Yds.	1820	1176
Had Int.	14	18	Had Int.	14	18
Ret. Yds.	481	205	Ret. Yds.	481	205
Punts	74-39-1	77-40-2	Punts	74-39-1	77-40-2
Fum-lost	35-17	41-24	Fum-lost	35-17	41-24
Pen.-Yds.	58-519	59-480	Pen.-Yds.	58-519	59-480

POINTS

MO		OPP		DIFF	
Total Pts. (Avg.)	246(24.6)	123(12.3)			
Home Pts. (Avg.)	189(26.7)	72(10.3)			
Away Pts. (Avg.)	57(19.0)	51(17.0)			

POINTS SPREAD

HOME		AWAY	
Actual Record	5-2	2-1	
Spread Record	4-2	2-1	
Record as Favorite	3-1	1-1	
Record as Underdog	1-1	1-0	
Favorite vs. Spread	2-2	1-1	
Underdog vs. Spread	2-0	1-0	

KANSAS (7-3) AT

Don Fambrough (14-16-2)
Off: Pro-Set
PR: 83-81-82

1981 Schedule

S. 5 at Tulsa (NL)(NL)
12 Oregon¹⁰⁵ (-2)(-1)
26 Kentucky¹⁰¹ (+3)(+5)
O. 3 Arkansas St. (NL)(NL)
10 Okla. St.⁹¹ (+4)(+4)
17 at Oklahoma¹²³ (-17)(-20)
24 Kansas St.⁷⁴ (+11)(+12 1/2)
31 at Nebraska¹²² (-26)(NL)
N. 7 at Iowa St. (-15)(-12 1/2)
14 Colorado⁷⁴ (+9)(+9)
21 Missouri

RETURN

Lettermen 43
Starters (Off) 19
Starters (Def) 7

Game No. 11

Opponent's Power Rating

Opening & Closing Points Spread

Points Spread Result

Game Result

S. 12 Army⁷⁰ (+22)(+21)
19 Rice⁷⁷ (+15)(+15S)
26 Louisville⁶⁹ (NL)(NL)
3 at Miss. St.¹¹⁵ (-5)(-7)
27 St. 75 (+18)(+20)

L 24-10
W 42-10
34-3

Totals After 10 Games

KAN			OPP			DIFF		
1st Dns.	149	164	1st Dns.	149	164			
Rsh. Att.	487	469	Rsh. Att.	487	469			
Rsh. Yds.	1529	1837	Rsh. Yds.	1529	1837			
Avg. Rsh.	3.1	3.9	Avg. Rsh.	3.1	3.9			
Ps. Comp.	93	88	Ps. Comp.	93	88			
Ps. Att.	187	184	Ps. Att.	187	184			
Ps. Yds.	1183	893	Ps. Yds.	1183	893			
Had Int.	11	12	Had Int.	11	12			
Ret. Yds.	270	438	Ret. Yds.	270	438			
Punts	66-43-6	57-39-4	Punts	66-43-6	57-39-4			
Fum-lost	31-14	25-12	Fum-lost	31-14	25-12			
Pen.-Yds.	57-555	48-378	Pen.-Yds.	57-555	48-378			

POINTS

KAN		OPP		DIFF	
Total Pts. (Avg.)	169(16.9)	174(17.4)			
Home Pts. (Avg.)	108(18.0)	76(12.7)			
Away Pts. (Avg.)	61(15.3)	98(24.5)			

POINTS SPREAD

HOME		AWAY	
Actual Record	5-1	2-2	
Spread Record	2-2-1	1-1	
Record as Favorite	2-2	1-1	
Record as Underdog	1-0	0-0	
Favorite vs. Spread	1-2-1	0-1	
Underdog vs. Spread	1-0	1-1	

Series Record: Missouri 42-38-9
Last Game: 1980; Missouri* (-10) 31, Kansas 6
No longer in the Big Eight race, Missouri and Kansas still look to finish the season, good ones for both, on a strong note. Missouri started out blazing but then stumbled someone conference play began. The Tiger coach, Warren Powers, has to be pleased with this year's inexperienced bunch which is led by a stellar defensive squad and quarterback Mike Hyde on offense.

Prediction: Kansas 20, Missouri 13

100 COLLEGE TEAMS

28 PRO TEAMS

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CHARGERS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Thomas, 105 points on 51 extra points and 18 field goals. . . 8th
RUSHING—James, 516 yards on 105 carries, 4.9 avg., 2 TDs. . . 19th
PASSING—Fouts, 254 of 430 attempts for 3,638 yards and 27 TDs. . . 3rd
RECEIVING—James, 86 receptions for 1,027 yards, 11.9 avg., 6TDs. . . 1st
INTERCEPTIONS—Walters, 5 for 71 yards, 14.2 avg. . . 15th
PUNTING—Mojisienko, 68 punts, 42.4 avg., longest 67 yards. . . 4th
PUNT RETURNS—James, 25 for 213 yards, 8.5 avg. . . 10th
KICKOFF RETURNS—James, 36 for 779 yards, 21.6 avg. . . 9th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	9	DALLAS (N)
	16	PHILADELPHIA (N)
	23	At Los Angeles Rams (N)
	29	ST. LOUIS (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7	MIAMI
	14	At New York Giants
	21	WASHINGTON
	28	At Los Angeles Raiders 21-34
October	6	At Seattle (N) 21-26
	12	DENVER 30-10
	19	At Kansas City 34-38
	26	At Philadelphia 20-14
November	2	KANSAS CITY 31-20
	9	At Denver 24-30
	16	DALLAS
	20	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N) 40-34
	30	At Indianapolis
December	7	HOUSTON 35-37
	14	SEATTLE 35-49
	21	At Cleveland 7-21

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

The San Diego Chargers move closer to respectability every year. The move comes in tiny, incremental steps. Two years ago they were 6-10, then 7-9 in 1984, then 8-8 and tied with Seattle for third place last year. But Nick Spanos is not a man content with tiny, incremental steps. The Chargers' new owner is one of those tycoons who expects things to happen the day before yesterday. Al Saunders, a bright young assistant for the last few seasons, is now virtually the head coach without a portfolio. Don Coryell's true title might be "master strategist."

CHARGERS VETERAN ROSTER

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79	Faurot, Ron	DE	6-7	262	24	2	Arkansas
52	Fellows, Mark	OLB	6-1	222	22	2	Montana St.
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	205	34	14	Oregon
92	Garnett, Scott	NT	6-2	271	23	3	Washington
75	Gissinger, Andrew	OL	6-5	282	26	4	Syracuse
58	Green, Mike	ILB	6-0	239	24	4	Oklahoma St.
53	Guendling, Mike	OLB	6-3	238	23	2	Northwestern
29	Hendy, John	CB	5-10	196	23	2	Long Beach St.
9	Herrmann, Mark	QB	6-4	209	27	6	Purdue
88	Holohan, Pete	TE	6-4	244	26	6	Notre Dame
26	James, Lionel	RB	5-6	170	23	3	Auburn
83	Johnson, Trumaine	WR	6-1	196	26	2	Grambling
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	177	38	18	Grambling
30	King, David	CB	5-8	176	22	2	Auburn
57	King, Linden	OLB	6-5	247	30	9	Colorado St.
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74	Lachey, Jim	T	6-6	280	22	2	Ohio State
63	Leonard, Jim	C-G	6-3	260	28	5	Santa Clara
51	Lowe, Woodrow	OLB	6-0	229	31	11	Alabama
62	Macek, Don	C	6-2	272	31	11	Boston College
21	McGee, Buford	RB	6-0	203	25	3	Mississippi
60	McKnight, Dennis	OL	6-3	262	26	5	Drake
24	McPherson, Miles	FS	5-11	186	25	5	New Haven
47	Micho, Bob	TE	6-3	240	23	2	Texas
2	Mojisienko, Ralf	K	6-3	205	23	2	Michigan St.
55	Nelson, Derrie	ILB	5-11	234	27	4	Nebraska
59	Nelson, Shane	ILB	6-0	238	30	8	Baylor
27	O'Bard, Ronnie	SS	5-9	182	27	2	Brigham Young
56	Osby, Vince	ILB	5-11	221	24	3	Illinois
90	Robinson, Fred	DE	6-5	242	24	3	Miami
64	Searoy, Bill	G	6-1	281	26	2	Alabama
85	Stevens, Eric	TE	6-3	236	27	6	Maryland
97	Simmons, Tony	DE	6-4	270	23	2	Tennessee
54	Smith, Billy Ray	ILB	6-3	235	24	4	Arkansas
33	Smith, Lucious	CB	5-10	195	29	7	Fullerton St.
43	Spencer, Tim	FB	6-1	220	25	2	Ohio State
66	Umphrey, Rich	OL	6-3	270	27	5	Colorado
23	Walters, Danny	CB	6-1	192	25	4	Arkansas
67	White, Ed	G	6-1	276	38	18	California
99	Williams, Lee	DE	6-6	273	23	3	Beth-Cookman
93	Wilson, Earl	DE	6-4	267	27	2	Kentucky
80	Winslow, Kellen	TE	6-5	247	28	8	Missouri

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1	O'Neal, Leslie	DE	6-4	245	Oklahoma St.
1	FitzPatrick, James	OT	6-7	273	Southern Cal.
3	Unrein, Terry	DE	6-5	285	Colorado St.
3	Walker, Jeff	OT	6-4	278	Memphis St.
4	Allert, Ty	LB	6-2	225	Texas
4	Taylor, Tommy	LB	6-0	243	UCLA
5	Landry, Doug	LB	6-1	214	La. Tech
5	Brown, Donald	DB	5-11	192	Maryland
5	Johnson, Matt	DB	6-2	198	Southern Cal.
6	Partridge, Curt	WR	5-9	169	N. Illinois
7	Smalls, Fred	LB	6-1	226	West Virginia
8	Perrino, Mike	OT	6-4	278	Notre Dame
9	Zordich, Michael	DB	5-11	207	Penn. State
11	Saunders, Charles	RB	6-0	223	Slippery Rock
11	Smetana, Drew	OT	6-8	223	Oregon
12	Sprowls, Jeff	DB	6-2	205	Brigham Young

Things went well for the Chargers in the last half of the '85 season, when they went 5-3. All three losses were close shootouts, in the Charger tradition of live by the long ball, die by the long ball. San Diego scored 467 points and allowed 435.

Spanos thinks there is a better, quicker way. He admits he would have junked the idea of drafting Southern California offensive tackle James FitzPatrick if University of Washington inside linebacker Joe Kelly had remained available. "We need all the [defensive] help we can get," he said.



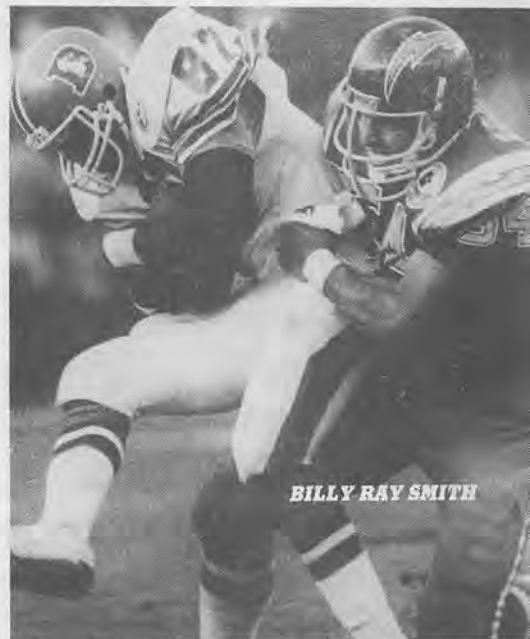
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As it was, the Chargers used seven of their first nine choices to draft defenders. Having tried almost everything to improve their defense, the Chargers are convinced that the draft is the true way. They would like not to finish dead last in NFL defense again. They would like to move up to, say, 20th place.

That kind of defensive improvement would be academic if the offense didn't keep attacking in its usual manner. Considering that Dan Fouts is 35, there might be a tendency to worry about his ability to keep performing at a high level. But then examine his 1985 statistics: 27 touchdown passes, 3,638 yards, 59.1 completion percentage, highest average gain among NFL leaders, 8.46 yards. The man still has toughness, a presence in the huddle, and a thirst for victory.

Fouts also has access to more weapons than he has had in two years, mainly because of the return of Kellen Winslow and the quick development of Gary Anderson. Winslow, after catching more than 80 passes in three of his last four seasons, suffered a career-threatening knee injury in the eighth game of 1984. He didn't play again until almost halfway through last season. There was a lot of crawling before Winslow, in a manner of speaking, could walk again. At first he played tentatively. Then there was the matter of working him into a passing scheme which had been altered during his absence.

"He didn't have complete confidence in himself," said Coryell. "He knows [now] his



BILLY RAY SMITH

leg is strong and he knows he can take a hit. He has complete confidence he can be as good as he ever was. Kellen can be even more of a weapon for us this year than he has been in the past."

Anderson wasn't blended into the Charger offense until a month into the season, follow-

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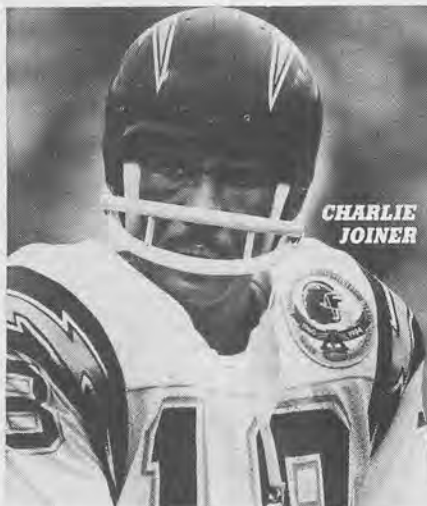
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ing his hitch in the USFL. By the end of the season he finished tenth in a poll of scouts to determine the NFL's best all-round backs. The former Arkansas star scored four rushing touchdowns, two on pass receptions, and another on the only touchdown of the year by a kickoff in the AFC, a 98-yarder. Now that he has had a training camp to be fully integrated into the Chargers' offense, Anderson will be the focal point of many of the plays in which Lionel James was involved last year.

James did well enough. The 5-foot-6, 172-pounder averaged 5.6 yards on his 105 car-

ries, led the AFC with 86 catches for an 11.9-yard average and six touchdowns, and averaged 8.6 yards on punts and 21.6 on kickoff returns. In a 40-34 victory over the Raiders, he caught passes for 168 yards, returned kickoffs for 126, carried the ball for 51 yards, and scored two touchdowns, including a 17-yard run which won the game in overtime.

Wide receiver Wes Chandler caught 10 touchdown passes along with 57 other receptions and averaged 17.9 yards. He wound up in the Pro Bowl. Charlie Joiner, 38 years old and in his 18th season, caught 59 passes for

seven touchdowns and a 15.8-yard average. If Joiner ever slows down, the Chargers have ex-USFL star Trumaine Johnson. And tight ends Pete Holohan and Eric Sievers combined for 83 receptions.

San Diego has used the USFL as a talent source better than any other NFL team. Tim Spencer came from that league as a top blocker and short-yardage specialist. He scored 10 touchdowns and averaged 3.9 yards a carry.

FitzPatrick is part of a rebuilding process in the offensive line. He and last year's No. 1, tackle, Jim Lachey, are now referred to as "the twin towers." Jeff Walker of Memphis State, drafted in the fourth round, also has a chance to start at guard if Ed White, 39, doesn't come back strongly enough from surgery. The other starters are Sam Claphan at tackle, Don Macek at center, and Dennis McKnight at guard.

The first of the two first-round draft choices, Leslie O'Neal of Oklahoma State, should start at defensive end along with Lee Williams. Terry Unrein, a third-round pick from Colorado State, may push Chuck Ehin at nose tackle. Billy Ray Smith is the only secure veteran linebacker. Rookies Ty Allert of Texas, Tommy Taylor of UCLA, and Doug Landry of Louisiana Tech all have a chance to play a lot. The secondary of corners John Hendy and Danny Walters, free safety Gill Byrd, and strong safety Jeff Dale stays intact. Byrd and Dale sometimes switch sides.

Rolf Benirschke returns from the injured list to reclaim his place-kicking job.

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SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Chuck Knox may have set too high a standard in his first two seasons as head coach of the Seahawks. Seattle never qualified for the playoffs until Knox's first year there, and then he took them right to the AFC championship game. In his second year, the team had a 12-4 record and again went to the playoffs. But the Seahawks play in the competitive AFC West. They performed well last year and still finished 8-8 and out of the playoffs. The Seahawks have to get better, but how?

"This season is a challenge," says Knox. "We face the toughest schedule in the NFL." That is not just a coach setting up an excuse in advance. The opponents on the 1986 schedule won 57.4 percent of their games last year. Nine of their 16 games will be played against teams with winning records a year ago. A tenth will be played at 7-9 Cincinnati, which will not be easy, especially if the game turns into a shootout.

It may be possible to gauge exactly where the Seahawks are going after the first five games this season. In that stretch they face Pittsburgh and Kansas City at home, New England and Washington on the road, then San Diego in the Kingdome. Anything less than 4-1 for that beginning and they're in for an odds-against struggle.

This is how tough it is for the Seahawks to improve. Four of their losses—remember, that's half of them—came on an overtime defeat by Denver, a three-pointer to the Jets, a seven-pointer to New England, and another three-pointer to Denver. If Seattle had split those two games, they still would not have made the playoffs.

Seattle succeeded in '83 and '84 with some of the best special-teams play in the NFL. Last year, the only thing out of the ordinary was the punt-returning. Opportunism, a hallmark of Knox's first two teams in Seattle, also lagged. In the eight victories, the Seahawks had a plus 14 in the giveaway-takeaway ratio. In the eight losses, they were minus 11.

A return to extraordinary special-teams play is one way the Hawks can become a playoff caliber team again. Place-kicker Norm Johnson was just 2-for-11 from the 40-yard line or beyond, 14-for-25 overall, a shabby statistic for a kicker performing at least half his games in controlled atmospheric conditions. Johnson will be challenged this year. Patrick Hunter, the Nevada-Reno cornerback drafted on the third round, could upgrade the kickoff returns. His college average was 22.6 yards.

Knox found another piece to the offensive puzzle when he selected Florida runner John L. Williams in the draft. "We need to find a fullback who can give us productivity each week," said Knox. Williams answers that description. He turned in a sound performance in every game for Florida. He averaged 4.5 yards per carry and is an outstanding receiver and lead blocker. At 5-11 and 222 pounds, he has ideal pro fullback size.

The acquisition of Williams takes enormous pressure off Knox's offense, since the running game, the staple, was Curt Warner against the world before the draft. Warner wasn't quite the bell-ringing runner he was in '83, but after missing all but a handful of plays in '84, his

DAVE KRIEG

SEAHAWKS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—N. Johnson, 82 points on 40 extra points and 14 field goals... 14th
RUSHING—Warner, 1,094 yards on 291 carries, 3.8 avg., 8 TDs... 5th
PASSING—Krieg, 285 of 532 attempts for 3,602 yards and 27 TDs... 6th
RECEIVING—Largent, 79 receptions for 1,287 yards, 16.3 avg., 6 TDs... 4th
INTERCEPTIONS—Harris, 7 for 20 yards, 2.9 avg... 7th
PUNTING—Finzer, 68 punts, 40.7 avg., longest 61 yards... 11th
PUNT RETURNS—Skansi, 31 for 312 yards, 10.1 avg... 5th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Morris, 31 for 636 yards, 20.5 avg... 14th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 INDIANAPOLIS (N)
15 At Detroit
22 MINNESOTA (N)
29 At San Francisco (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

	1986 SCHEDULE	1985 SCORES
September	7 PITTSBURGH	24-6
	14 KANSAS CITY	13-20
	21 At New England	26-21
	28 At Washington	3-13
October	6 SAN DIEGO (N)	10-13
	12 At Los Angeles Raiders	14-17
	19 NEW YORK GIANTS	27-28
	26 At Denver	28-24
November	2 NEW YORK JETS	33-3
	9 At Kansas City	24-27
	16 At Cincinnati	24-27
	23 PHILADELPHIA	24-27
	27 At Dallas	24-27
December	8 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS (N)	24-27
	14 At San Diego	24-27
	20 DENVER	24-27

STEVE LARGENT

1,094 yards, 47 receptions, and nine touchdowns constitute a first-class comeback. And Williams should be a big help to quarterback Dave Krieg with his pass-blocking and pass-catching ability. Krieg threw for 27 touchdowns and 3,602 yards, but he was also sacked 52 times and had 20 interceptions.

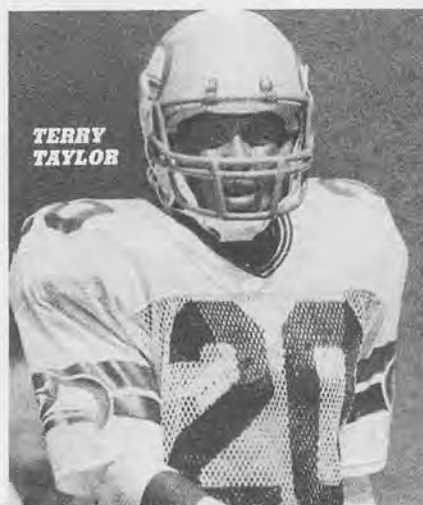
Crisp, efficient offensive lines have been a Knox hallmark throughout his coaching career. He himself was a line coach with the Jets and Detroit. But Seattle's current bunch is an undersized and underskilled group and the 53 sacks they allowed is too tough an indictment in such a highly competitive division. Change is coming. Ray Prochaska, Knox's long-time line coach in Los Angeles, Buffalo, and Seattle, retired. Kent Stephenson spent a break-in year under Prochaska, but Knox himself probably will oversee the strengthening of the line. The Seahawks didn't draft an offen-

Turner had 13 touchdown catches, although he drops too many passes. Dan Ross, the ex-all-pro from Cincinnati, may wrest the tight-end job now that Charlie Young has retired.

After a slow start, the defense regrouped and allowed a total of just 303 points, fewer than the Raiders or Denver. Only one opponent scored more than 20 points in the last 10 games. The average was 13.4.

There is nothing wrong with the pass rush. It had 61 sacks, a team high. A record has been set in each of the three years the Hawk defense has been handled by coordinator Tom Catlin and line coach George Dyer. Ends Jacob Green and Jeff Bryant had 13½ and 8½ sacks, respectively. Pass-rushing specialist Randy Edwards had 10½ and nose tackle Joe Nash nine.

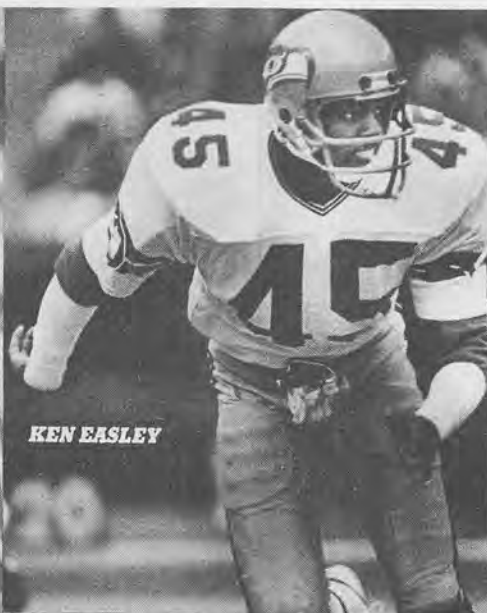
Strong safety Ken Easley, the intimidator, went to his fourth straight Pro Bowl. Free safe-



TERRY TAYLOR



KEN EASLEY



JOE NASH

sive lineman until the ninth round, but Ron Mannes, whose conversion from defense was postponed when he was unable to play as an '85 rookie due to injury, has possibilities at tackle. Byron Millard should push someone at guard or tackle. Robert Pratt, undersized to begin with at 250 pounds, is 35 years old and has played a dozen pro seasons. Bob Cryder has deficiencies as a pass blocker.

Receiving is a strength. Steve Largent, who is taking aim at the NFL's career pass-catching record, had 79 receptions, his career high, last year. The catches accounted for 1,287 yards and a 16.3-yard average. Daryl

ty John Harris had seven interceptions on a defense which stole 24. Big-play youngster Terry Taylor and 12-year veteran Dave Brown are the corners. The linebackers, all veterans, are Bruce Scholtz and Michael Jackson on the outside, Keith Butler and Fred Young on the inside. Young went to the Pro Bowl as a special-teams commando.

SEAHAWKS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
65	Bailey, Edwin	G	6-4	265	27	6	S.C. St.
76	Borchardt, Jon	G	6-5	265	29	8	Montana St.
22	Brown, Dave	CB	6-1	195	33	12	Michigan
77	Bryant, Jeff	DE	6-5	270	26	5	Clemson
59	Bush, Blair	C	6-3	252	30	9	Washington
53	Butler, Keith	LB	6-4	238	30	9	Memphis St.
83	Butler, Ray	WR	6-3	197	29	7	Southern Cal.
92	Caldwell, Tony	LB	6-1	220	25	4	Washington
78	Cryder, Bob	T	6-4	282	30	9	Alabama
35	Davis, Lee	CB	5-11	195	24	2	Mississippi
33	Doomink, Dan	FB	6-3	210	30	9	Washington St.
45	Easley, Kenny	S	6-3	206	27	6	UCLA
68	Edwards, Randy	DE	6-4	270	25	3	Alabama
64	Essink, Ron	T	6-6	285	28	7	Grand Valley
15	Fitzer, Dave	P	6-0	195	27	3	De Pauw
88	Franklin, Byron	WR	6-1	185	28	5	Auburn
56	Gaines, Greg	LB	6-3	220	28	5	Tennessee
7	Gilbert, Gale	QB	6-3	215	25	2	California
79	Green, Jacob	DE	6-3	255	29	7	Texas A&M
84	Greene, Danny	WR	5-11	195	25	2	Washington
44	Harris, John	S	6-2	200	30	9	Arizona St.
91	Hudson, Gordon	TE	6-3	230	24	R	Brigham Young
46	Hughes, David	FB	6-0	220	27	6	Boise St.
55	Jackson, Michael	LB	6-1	220	29	8	Washington
24	Jackson, Terry	CB	5-11	197	31	9	San Diego St.
9	Johnson, Norm	K	6-2	193	26	5	UCLA
54	Kaiser, John	LB	6-3	221	24	3	Arizona
62	Kauahi, Kani	C	6-2	260	27	5	Hawaii
63	Kinlaw, Reggie	NT	6-2	245	29	7	Oklahoma
17	Krieg, Dave	QB	6-1	185	28	7	Milton
37	Lane, Eric	RB	6-0	195	27	6	Brigham Young
80	Largent, Steve	WR	5-11	184	32	11	Tulsa
51	Merriman, Sam	LB	6-3	225	25	4	Idaho
71	Millard, Bryan	G	6-5	282	26	3	Texas
43	Morris, Randall	RB	6-0	190	25	3	Tennessee
21	Moyer, Paul	S	6-1	201	25	4	Arizona St.
72	Nash, Joe	NT	6-2	250	26	5	Boston College
29	Parros, Rick	FB	5-11	200	28	6	Utah St.
61	Pratt, Robert	G	6-4	250	35	13	North Carolina
41	Robinson, Eugene	S	6-0	180	23	2	Colgate
57	Robinson, Shelton	LB	6-2	233	26	5	North Carolina
85	Ross, Dan	TE	6-4	235	29	7	Northeastern
58	Scholtz, Bruce	LB	6-6	240	28	5	Texas
42	Simpson, Keith	CB	6-1	195	30	9	Memphis St.
82	Skansi, Paul	WR	5-11	190	25	4	Washington
20	Taylor, Terry	CB	5-10	188	25	3	Southern Ill.
86	Tice, Mike	TE	6-7	250	27	6	Maryland
81	Turner, Daryl	WR	6-3	198	25	3	Michigan St.
89	Walker, Byron	WR	6-4	190	26	5	Citadel
28	Warner, Curt	RB	5-11	205	25	3	Penn St.
40	Williams, John	FB	5-11	213	26	2	Wisconsin
50	Young, Fred	LB	6-1	230	25	3	New Mexico St.

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Williams, John L.	RB	5-11	219	Florida
3	Hunter, Patrick	DB	5-11	180	Nevada-Reno
5	Edmonds, Bobby Joe	RB	5-11	175	Arkansas
6	Anderson, Eddie	DB	6-1	191	Fort Valley St.
7	Miles, Paul	RB	5-10	196	Nebraska
8	Mitz, Alonzo	DE	6-3	270	Florida
9	Black, Mike	OT	6-4	290	Sacramento St.
10	Fairbanks, Don	DE	6-3	260	Colorado
11	Norrie, David	QB	6-4	211	UCLA
12	McVeigh, John	LB	6-1	226	Miami

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

John Mackovic, the Chiefs' coach, sometimes sounds like a motivational speaker whose audience is not very attentive. Kansas City's own audience is getting restless. The Chiefs were underachievers again (6-10) last season and there seems to be no reason the team will be appreciably better in 1986. Kansas City's season was a microcosm of the Mackovic era: three victories in the first four games, including impressive triumphs over the Raiders and Seattle, then a seven-game losing streak which destroyed the season.

"We got a little beat up physically and emotionally during that seven-game streak," said Mackovic. "I tried reassuring [the team] from week to week, but it was tough during that particular time."

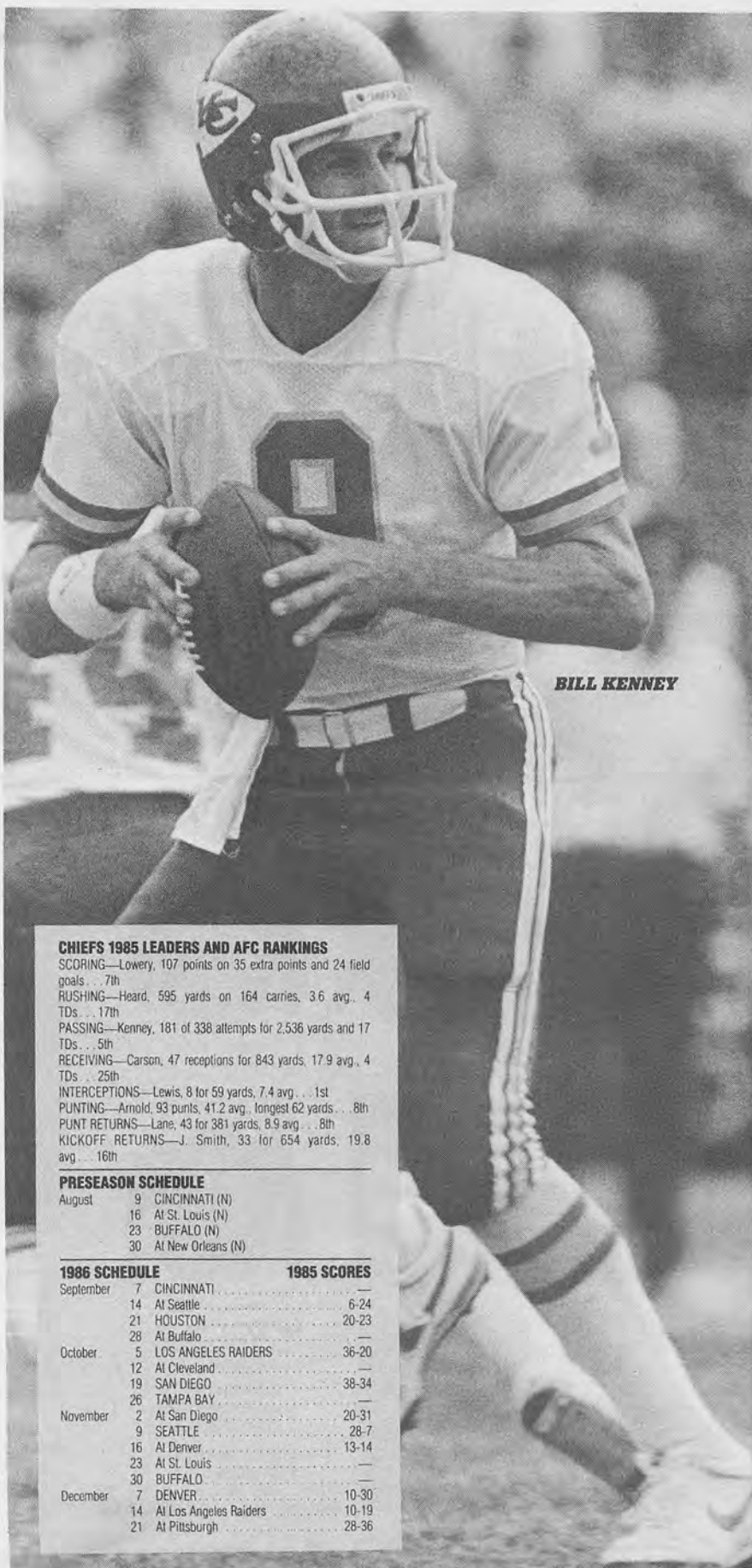
Try to imagine Chicago Bears' coach Mike Ditka making a statement like that about his team. Impossible?

CHIEFS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos.	ht	wt	age	NFL exp.	college
76	Alt, John	T	6-7	282	24	3	Iowa
6	Arnold, Jim	P	6-2	220	25	4	Vanderbilt
87	Arnold, Walt	TE	6-3	221	28	7	New Mexico
68	Auer, Scott	OL	6-4	255	25	3	Michigan St.
77	Baldinger, Rich	OL	6-4	281	27	4	Wake Forest
14	Blackledge, Todd	QB	6-3	225	25	4	Penn State
57	Blanton, Jerry	ILB	6-1	229	30	8	Kentucky
66	Budde, Brad	T	6-4	271	28	7	Southern Cal
34	Burness, Lloyd	SS	6-0	209	29	6	Maryland
88	Carson, Carlos	WR	5-11	182	28	7	LSU
20	Cherry, Deron	FS	5-11	196	27	6	Rutgers
22	Cocroft, Sherman	S	6-1	188	25	2	San Jose St.
55	Cooper, Louis	OLB	6-2	235	23	1	Western Carolina
50	Daniels, Calvin	OLB	6-3	241	28	5	North Carolina
51	Donnalley, Rick	G	6-2	260	28	6	North Carolina
65	Fada, Rob	G	6-2	259	25	4	Pittsburgh
40	Green, Boyce	RB	5-11	215	26	4	Carson-Newman
90	Ham, Bob	DE	6-4	257	27	4	Nevada Reno
82	Hancock, Anthony	WR	6-0	204	26	5	Tennessee
85	Hayes, Jonathan	TE	6-5	234	24	1	Iowa
44	Heard, Herman	RB	5-10	182	25	3	So. Colorado
60	Herkenhoff, Matt	T	6-4	286	35	11	Minnesota
23	Hill, Greg	CB	6-1	199	25	4	Oklahoma St.
93	Holle, Eric	DLE	6-4	258	26	3	Texas
32	Horton, Ethan	RB	6-3	228	24	1	North Carolina
52	Jolly, Ken	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Nazareth
9	Kenney, Bill	QB	6-4	211	31	8	No. Colorado
46	King, Bruce	RB	6-1	219	23	1	Purdue
74	Koch, Pete	DE	6-6	265	24	3	Maryland
41	Lane, Garcia	CB	5-9	180	25	1	Ohio State
29	Lewis, Albert	CB	6-2	192	26	4	Grambling
71	Lindstrom, Dave	DE	6-6	258	32	9	Boston U.
62	Lingner, Adam	OL	6-4	260	26	4	Illinois
8	Lowery, Nick	PK	6-4	189	30	7	Dartmouth
72	Lutz, David	T	6-5	287	27	4	Georgia Tech
63	Maas, Bill	DL	6-4	259	24	3	Pittsburgh
89	Marshall, Henry	WR	6-2	213	32	11	Missouri
94	McAlister, Ken	LB	6-5	220	26	5	San Francisco
64	Olderman, Bob	G	6-4	262	24	1	Virginia
83	Paige, Stephane	WR	6-2	191	25	4	Fresno St.
95	Paine, Jeff	OLB	6-2	224	25	3	Texas A&M
43	Pruitt, Mike	RB	6-0	225	32	11	Purdue
97	Radecki, Scott	ILB	6-3	246	24	3	Penn State
30	Robinson, Mark	S	5-10	206	24	3	Penn State
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80	Shorthouse, George	WR	6-0	198	25	1	Missouri
42	Smith, Jeff	RB	5-9	209	24	1	Nebraska
59	Spani, Gary	ILB	6-2	229	30	9	Kansas St.
92	Stephens, Hal	DE	6-4	252	25	2	Eastern Carolina
67	Still, Art	DE	6-7	254	31	9	Kentucky

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4	Baugh, Tom	C	6-3	270	Southern Illinois
4	Fox, Chas	WR	6-0	185	Furman
6	Hegwood, Kent	RB	5-11	218	South Carolina
8	Colbert, Lewis	P	5-11	179	Auburn
9	Baldinger, Gary	DE	6-2	260	Wake Forest
10	Readon, Ike	NT	6-1	273	Hampton Inst.
11	Pearson, Aaron	LB	6-0	236	Mississippi St.



BILL KENNEY

CHIEFS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Lowery, 107 points on 35 extra points and 24 field goals... 7th
RUSHING—Heard, 595 yards on 164 carries, 3.6 avg., 4 TDs... 17th
PASSING—Kenney, 181 of 338 attempts for 2,536 yards and 17 TDs... 5th
RECEIVING—Carson, 47 receptions for 843 yards, 17.9 avg., 4 TDs... 25th
INTERCEPTIONS—Lewis, 8 for 59 yards, 7.4 avg... 1st
PUNTING—Arnold, 93 punts, 41.2 avg., longest 62 yards... 8th
PUNT RETURNS—Lane, 43 for 381 yards, 8.9 avg... 8th
KICKOFF RETURNS—J. Smith, 33 for 654 yards, 19.8 avg... 16th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August	9	CINCINNATI (N)
	16	At St. Louis (N)
	23	BUFFALO (N)
	30	At New Orleans (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

September	7	CINCINNATI	6-24
	14	At Seattle	20-23
	21	HOUSTON	—
	28	At Buffalo	—
October	5	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	36-20
	12	At Cleveland	—
	19	SAN DIEGO	38-34
	26	TAMPA BAY	—
November	2	At San Diego	20-31
	9	SEATTLE	28-7
	16	At Denver	13-14
	23	At St. Louis	—
	30	BUFFALO	—
December	7	DENVER	10-30
	14	At Los Angeles Raiders	10-19
	21	At Pittsburgh	28-36



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effect has been devastating to the Chiefs. There were reactions about "sticking together" and "we are family," but the reality is that the Chiefs are shaken. Considering that several Kansas City Royals ended up doing prison hitches for the same offense in roughly the same jurisdiction, the Bell case has to be viewed as not just unfortunate but stupid.

Then there is the residue of the Bud Carson episode. Just before the 1984 season started, Mackovic fired Carson, then his defensive coordinator, over philosophical differences. Carson, who sat out the balance of that season,

fired back that "Mackovic doesn't know anything about defense and never will." Last year Carson was the toast of New York when his new Jet defense helped make the team a Super Bowl contender. Meanwhile, the Chiefs allowed 19 points or more in 11 of their games. With Carson's words hectoring him, Mackovic elevated Walt Corey to defensive coordinator this season.

Furthermore, the Chiefs' offense may be in serious trouble. Mackovic still hasn't developed a quality runner and the premium rounds of the draft did not bring reinforcement. Add quarterback to the worries. Bill Kenney virtually phased himself out of the quarterback job during the losing streak, when he gave public thanks that his battering had come to an end. Todd Blackledge should be the once and future quarterback, but he approached this season with a damaged passing hand, which caused the Chiefs to remove Kenney from the trade block. Blackledge, in time, may develop into the sort of leader he was at Penn State, but so far the evidence is centered mainly on sharp performances against dull defenses such as those from Indianapolis and Atlanta. He had a touchdown-pass-to-interception ratio of 6-14 last season.

How bad is the Kansas City running game? Well, the Chiefs are trying to recycle 33-year-old Mike Pruitt, rejected by both Cleveland and the Bills last season. "I really think that Mike can have another 1,000-yard season," claims Mackovic, who may have watched his own running attack for too long. The Chiefs



MIKE PRUITT

Now the Chiefs, flabby of psyche to begin with, have to cope with the Mike Bell affair. Bell, one of the team's premier defensive stars, was arrested for dealing drugs late last season and put on paid leave of absence. If convicted, he may do jail time before he can think about resuming his football career. The



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finished last in the NFL in '85, the third straight year they have been last or next to last. They used a first-round pick to take Ethan Horton of North Carolina last year, making him the first back selected in the '85 draft. He was a horrible flop, finishing with 147 yards rushing for the season. Herman Heard is the sole producer among the halfback types. He ran for 595 yards and caught 31 passes for 257 yards.

If the Chiefs do improve the running game, it could be through the offensive line. Help is coming. Exhibit A is monstrous tackle Brian Jozwiak, the No. 1 draft choice, from West Virginia. He should force his way into the lineup and stay there for a decade. The Chiefs also signed Mark Adickes, once a quality tackle prospect who tore up his knee playing in the USFL. In the foggy future may be Irv Eatman, the Baltimore Stars' all-USFL tackle whose NFL rights are held by Kansas City. From the current roster the Chiefs still have guard Brad Budde, a solid player who missed the last nine games due to a shoulder injury; Bob Olderman, who started as a rookie guard; and veteran tackles David Lutz, Matt Herkenhoff, and John Alt. Center Rick Donalley came in a trade from Washington.

The wide receivers are a plus. Stephone Paige left Chiefs' fans shouting for more after he set an all-time NFL record by catching eight passes for 309 yards against San Diego. His per-catch average of 21.9 yards on 43 receptions was the highest in the league. Carlos Carson, despite an injury, led the team with 47 catches. Marshall caught 25 balls in 11 games. Second-year tight end Jonathon

Hayes may make a move to push Walt Arnold or Willie Scott out of the starting rotation.

The draft brought two potential starters: inside linebacker Dino Hackett, a fast, fierce type from Appalachian State, and Grambling end Leonard Griffin. If Hackett doesn't win the right outside backer job it will be a major disappointment. Griffin might be a capable if unpolished replacement for Bell, if necessary. He had 34 sacks during his college career.

The Chiefs already have two all-pro performers in the line in nose tackle Bill Maas and end Art Still, who was hurt part of last season.

There is quality in the secondary, too, with Deron Cherry having been a Pro Bowl free safety the last three seasons and Albert Lewis winning a reputation as an outstanding coverage corner. The other positions are open to question: Gary Spani and Scott Radeceic at inside linebacker, Calvin Daniels at left outside linebacker, Lloyd Burruss at strong safety, and Kevin Ross at corner.

Nick Lowery may be the most consistent place-kicker in the NFL. He had a 24-for-27 season. Jim Arnold averaged 41.2 yards as the punter.



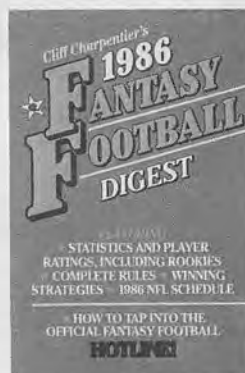
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NEW YORK JETS

Joe Walton looks cool, relaxed, and confident these days, even when he isn't pulling on an after-dinner cigar. The reason is obvious. The New York Jets not only are coming, they may be about to arrive.

"We are on the right track," admits Walton, whose team improved from a 7-9 record in 1984 to 11-5 last season.

The Jets have a lot of everything. They can play defense now and they can move the ball. Only six teams in the NFL scored more points a year ago. They have the right mix: enough good veterans to go with their talented young players, balance in the offense, and no glaring vulnerabilities on defense. Last season added something else—experience.

"We had the experience of playing in the tough games," says Walton, "winning some big ones and losing some others. That has to help. We have made a good beginning."

The man who could put the Jets over the top is quarterback Ken O'Brien. Last season was O'Brien's first full one as an NFL starter. Walton committed to him early and it seemed to relax the 25-year-old. O'Brien had some handicaps to begin with. There was his sketchy college background at the University of California-Davis. There was pressure because the Jets had passed up Dan Marino to draft him in the first round. And 1984 was something of a wash since O'Brien spent so much time as a co-defendant in the celebrated "Studio 54" trial with Mark Gastineau, his teammate. So Walton made sure that '85 was O'Brien's year to concentrate on football and learn his craft. To make sure, he brought in Zeke Bratkowski as his quarterback coach, as much to hold O'Brien's hand and give him reassurance as anything else.

"Zeke is a very sharp guy," says Walton, and "one of Kenny's assets is his intelligence. I knew they would work together well."

A graphic example of how much confidence the Jets grew to have in O'Brien was furnished late in the season in a game against Buffalo's improving defense. With the Jets leading by just 7-0 and the ball on their own four-yard line, a deep pass route was called. O'Brien connected with Wesley Walker for a 96-yard touchdown, breaking open the game and setting a record for the longest pass play in the team's history.

"When you have a quarterback who's not afraid to throw it," commented Walker, "you can make plays like that."

Confidence. The Jets have it as a team now, too. It started after the Los Angeles Raiders beat them, 31-0, on opening day. New York came back to win five straight games, including a Monday-night victory over Miami.

This is an offense with one of the top backs in the NFL, Freeman McNeil. He ran for 1,331 yards last year, a 4.5-yard per-carry average, but that's just what is on the surface. The story is that he injured his tender ribs again in '85. He missed two games, but in addition to those, he wasn't anywhere near full strength for more than a month. If McNeil ever does reach his goal—to play 16 games in one season—the Jets may run away from the compe-

KEN O'BRIEN

JETS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Leahy, 121 points on 43 extra points and 26 field goals. . . 2nd
RUSHING—McNeil, 1,331 yards on 294 carries, 4.5 avg., 3 TDs. . . 2nd
PASSING—O'Brien, 297 of 488 attempts for 3,888 yards and 25 TDs. . . 1st
RECEIVING—Shuler, 76 receptions for 879 yards, 11.6 avg., 7 TDs. . . 5th
INTERCEPTIONS—Glenn, 4 for 15 yards, 3.8 avg., 1 TD. . . 25th
PUNTING—Jennings, 74 punts, 40.2 avg., longest 66 yards. . . 13th
PUNT RETURNS—Sohn, 16 for 149 yards, 9.3 avg. . . unranked
KICKOFF RETURNS—Humphrey, 17 for 363 yards, 21.4 avg. . . unranked

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 At Green Bay (Madison)
16 CINCINNATI (N)
23 At New York Giants (N)
28 At Philadelphia (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

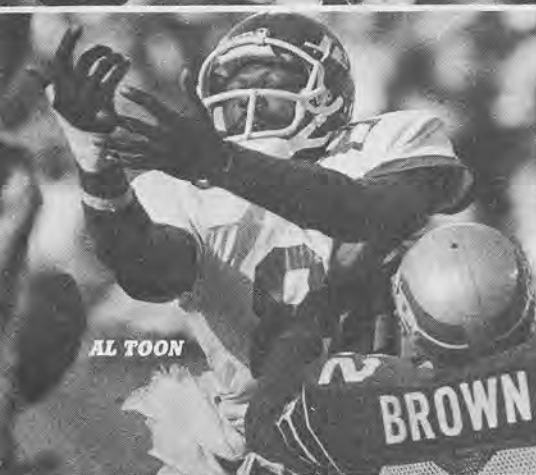
September	7	At Buffalo	27-7
	11	NEW ENGLAND (N)	16-13
	21	MIAMI	23-7
	28	At Indianapolis	35-17
October	5	BUFFALO	42-3
	12	At New England	13-20
	20	DENVER (N)	—
	26	NEW ORLEANS	—
November	2	At Seattle	17-14
	9	At Atlanta	—
	16	INDIANAPOLIS	25-20
	24	At Miami (N)	17-21
	30	LOS ANGELES RAMS	—
December	7	At San Francisco	—
	13	PITTSBURGH	—
	21	At Cincinnati	29-20



FREEMAN McNEIL



MARK GASTINEAU



AL TOON

BROWN

tion. In the meantime, Walton may think about breeding another good back to take some of the load off his acknowledged leader.

Not even in Joe Namath's best days did the Jets have the explosive potential among their receivers that this New York team has. Along with Walker, who averaged 21.3 yards on his 34 catches and scored five touchdowns, the New Yorkers have Al Toon. He burst into prominence early last season when he caught 10 passes a week after he signed his contract. That followed a long holdout which included all of training camp. Toon could be the next superstar in New York. Without benefit of summer training, he caught 46 passes for a 14.4-yard average. Behind them, Walton has the dependable Kurt Sohn, who came back from knee surgery to catch 39 passes; Jo Jo Townsell, who made some contributions despite having played an entire USFL schedule before he played an entire NFL schedule; and the puzzling Lam Jones, who will try to get his vast potential off the injury list. O'Brien's primary target is tight end Mickey Shuler, who caught 76 passes and scored seven touchdowns and quietly has moved among the league's most respected tight ends.

The offensive catch is the line. Only center Joe Fields and, to a lesser extent due to injuries, guard Dan Alexander played up to their past standards. The Jets allowed an astounding 62 sacks. Some of those can be attributed to O'Brien's lack of experience, but even granting that, it is a shoddy statistic. Jim Sweeney is a candidate for improvement at left guard. Last season was his first as a starter. Both tackles are worry spots. The Jets would like better than Reggie McElroy and Marvin Powell. Once an automatic all-pro, Powell had a dreadful year, his third straight. He was traded in May. Walton may have found a cure already. He switched Dan Radakovich, who coached the linebackers last year, to the offensive line. "Mad Rad" is a man who gets results. He coached the Los Angeles Rams' offensive line in their only Super Bowl year. The important part of the draft was the first two picks, Iowa tackle Mike Haight and Texas A&M tackle Doug Williams, who could find work immediately.

Defensively, the Jets changed personality last year. They now roar with the NFL's loudest thanks to Bud Carson's attacking philosophy and his switching the Jets from their traditional four-man front to the 3-4. New York no longer got along on its pass-rush statistics alone. The Jets finished third in the NFL against the run. They still had 49 sacks and compiled one of the lowest third-down efficiency ratings in the league.

Joe Klecko made the difference in the 3-4 with his switch to nose tackle. He and Gastineau went to the Pro Bowl. Carson uses Gastineau in a variety of roles to confuse the offenses. Barry Bennett is the other starting end, with Marty Lyons coming in for the four-man fronts. The linebacking was a fresh crew. Lance Mehl is the only household name, but Charles Jackson, Rusty Guilbeau, and Kyle Clifton were sound contributors and now Bob Crable comes back from injury.

The secondary is questionable, mostly because of a lack of durability. Safety Kirk Springs was the only Jet who came close to playing a full season (14 games). If Russell Carter stays healthy, he could be a superstar at cornerback.



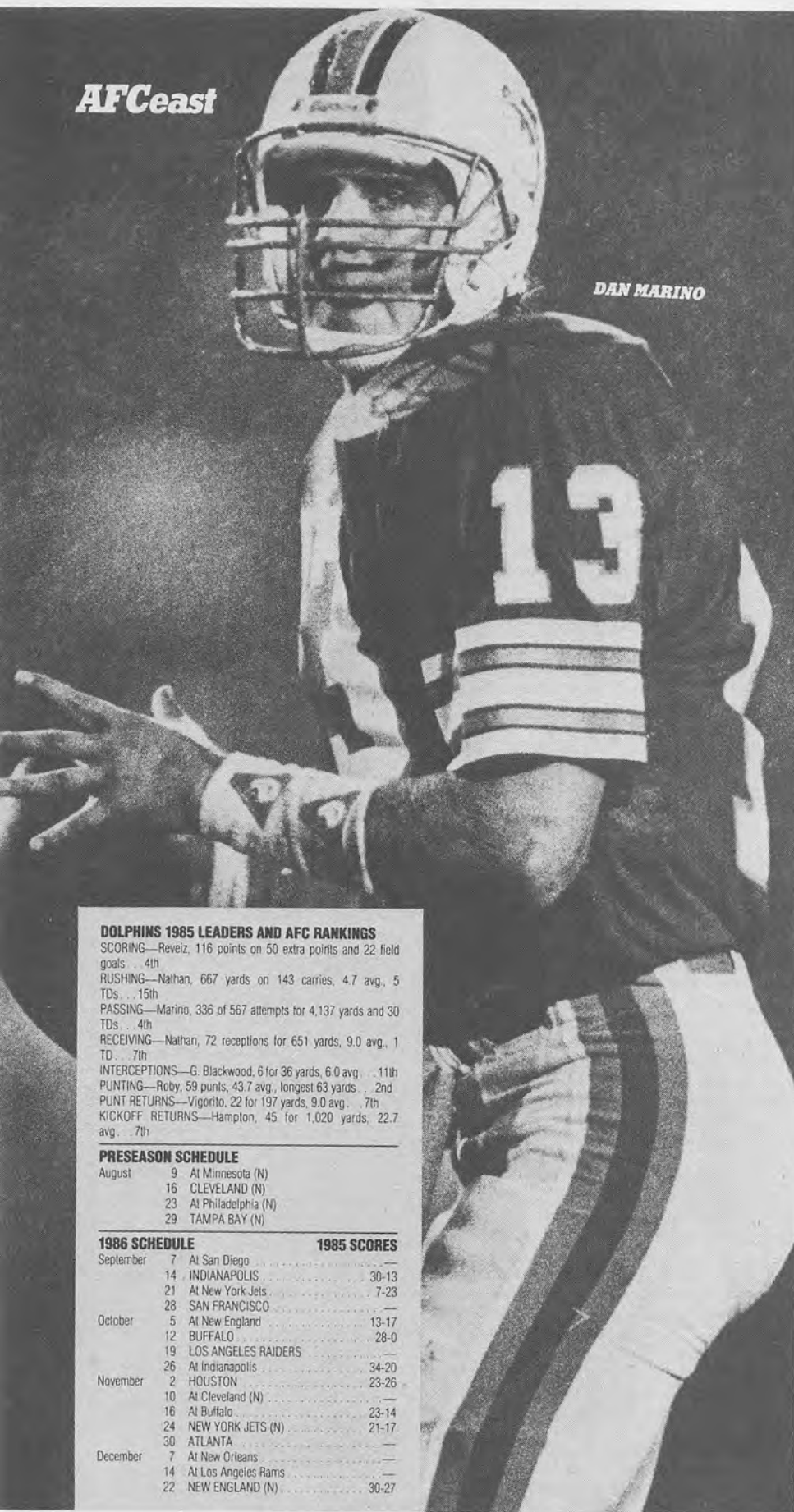
JOE KLECKO

JETS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
72	Achica, George	DT	6-0	275	26	2	Southern Cal
60	Alexander, Dan	G	6-4	260	31	10	LSU
95	Baldwin, Tom	DT	6-4	275	25	3	Tulsa
63	Banker, Ted	OL	6-2	255	25	3	SE Missouri
31	Barber, Marion	FB	6-2	224	27	5	Minnesota
78	Bennett, Barry	OL	6-4	260	31	9	Concordia
54	Benson, Troy	LB	6-2	227	23	1	Pittsburgh
64	Bingham, Guy	OL	6-3	225	28	7	Montana
23	Bligen, Dennis	RB	5-11	209	24	3	St. John's
22	Bruckner, Nick	WR	5-11	185	25	4	Syracuse
27	Carter, Russel	DB	6-2	195	24	3	SMU
59	Clifton, Kyle	LB	6-4	233	24	3	TCU
50	Crable, Bob	LB	6-3	228	27	5	Notre Dame
86	Dennison, Glenn	TE	6-3	225	25	2	Miami
37	Elder, Donnie	CB	5-9	175	24	2	Memphis St.
65	Fields, Joe	C	6-2	253	33	12	Widener
38	Flowers, Larry	S	6-1	190	28	6	Texas Tech
99	Gastineau, Mark	DE	6-5	265	30	8	E. Central Okla
35	Glenn, Kerry	CB	5-9	175	24	2	Minnesota
81	Griggs, Billy	TE	6-3	230	24	2	Virginia
94	Guilbeau, Rusty	LB	6-4	237	28	5	McNeese St.
61	Gunter, Greg	C	6-3	265	24	1	C.W. Post
39	Hamilton, Harry	S	6-0	193	24	3	Penn State
34	Hector, Johnny	RB	5-11	197	26	4	Texas A&M
28	Howard, Carl	CB	6-2	177	25	3	Rutgers
84	Humphrey, Bobby	WR	5-10	180	25	3	New Mexico St.
40	Jackson, Bobby	CB	6-10	180	30	9	Florida St.
55	Jackson, Charles	LB	6-2	224	31	9	Washington
13	Jennings, Dave	P	6-4	200	34	13	St. Lawrence
80	Jones, Johnny "Lam"	WR	5-11	180	28	6	Texas
73	Klecko, Joe	DL	6-3	263	33	10	Temple
89	Klewer, Rocky	TE	6-3	225	27	4	Montana
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	193	35	13	St. Louis
90	Luft, Brian	DE	6-6	263	33	1	Southern Cal
26	Lyles, Lester	S-LB	6-3	209	24	2	Virginia
29	Lynn, Johnny	DB	6-0	198	30	7	UCLA
93	Lyons, Marty	DL	6-5	269	29	8	Alabama
68	McElroy, Reggie	T	6-6	270	26	4	W. Texas St.
24	McNeil, Freeman	RB	5-11	212	27	6	UCLA
56	Mehl, Lance	LB	6-3	233	28	7	Penn State
36	Miano, Rich	S	6-0	200	24	2	Hawaii
25	Minter, Cedric	RB	5-10	200	28	3	Boise St.
6	Misko, John	P	6-5	207	32	4	Oregon St.
58	Monger, Matt	LB	6-1	235	25	2	Oklahoma St.
20	Mullen, Davlin	CB	6-1	177	26	4	W. Kentucky
7	O'Brien, Ken	QB	6-4	208	26	4	Cal. Davis
49	Paige, Tony	FB	5-10	220	24	3	Virginia Tech
11	Prokop, Joe	P	6-3	225	26	2	Cal.-Poly
76	Rudolph, Ben	DE	6-5	271	29	6	Long Beach St.
10	Ryan, Pat	QB	6-3	210	31	9	Tennessee
82	Shuler, Mickey	TE	6-3	231	30	9	Penn State
87	Sohn, Kurt	WR	5-11	180	29	5	Fordham
21	Springs, Kirk	S	6-0	197	28	6	Miami (Oh)
53	Sweeney, Jim	OL	6-4	266	24	3	Pittsburgh
88	Toon, Al	WR	6-4	200	23	2	Wisconsin
83	Townsell, JoJo	WR	5-9	180	26	2	UCLA
70	Waldmore, Stan	OL	6-4	269	31	8	Nebraska
85	Walker, Wesley	WR	6-0	182	31	10	California

DRAFTES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Haight, Mike	OT	6-3	275	Iowa
2	Williams, Doug	OT	6-5	282	Texas A&M
3	Crawford, Tim	LB	6-4	225	Texas Tech
4	Alexander, Rogers	LB	6-3	215	Penn State
5	Hadley, Ron	LB	6-1	240	Washington
7	White, Rob	OT	6-5	255	Rhode Island
8	Duckworth, Robert	DB	5-11	200	S. Mississippi
9	Faola, Nuu	RB	5-11	215	Hawaii
10	Carr, Carl	LB	13	228	North Carolina
11	Amola, Vince	RB	5-11	220	Arizona St.
12	Cesario, Sal	OT	6-5	260	Cal.-Poly. SLO



DAN MARINO

DOLPHINS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Reveiz, 116 points on 50 extra points and 22 field goals . 4th
RUSHING—Nathan, 667 yards on 143 carries, 4.7 avg., 5 TDs . 15th
PASSING—Marino, 336 of 567 attempts for 4,137 yards and 30 TDs . 4th
RECEIVING—Nathan, 72 receptions for 651 yards, 9.0 avg., 1 TD . 7th
INTERCEPTIONS—G. Blackwood, 6 for 36 yards, 6.0 avg . 11th
PUNTING—Roby, 59 punts, 43.7 avg., longest 63 yards . 2nd
PUNT RETURNS—Vigorito, 22 for 197 yards, 9.0 avg . 7th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Hampton, 45 for 1,020 yards, 22.7 avg. . 7th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 At Minnesota (N)
 16 CLEVELAND (N)
 23 At Philadelphia (N)
 29 TAMPA BAY (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7 At San Diego	—
	14 INDIANAPOLIS	30-13
	21 At New York Jets	7-23
	28 SAN FRANCISCO	—
October	5 At New England	13-17
	12 BUFFALO	28-0
	19 LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	—
	26 At Indianapolis	34-20
November	2 HOUSTON	23-26
	10 At Cleveland (N)	—
	16 At Buffalo	23-14
	24 NEW YORK JETS (N)	21-17
	30 ATLANTA	—
December	7 At New Orleans	—
	14 At Los Angeles Rams	—
	22 NEW ENGLAND (N)	30-27

MIAMI DOLPHINS

"We dug ourselves a grave and had to work like hell to dig out of it." So said Tony Nathan, the veteran Dolphin running back. He was referring to the playoff game in which Miami came back from an 18-point, third-quarter deficit to win. But he might as well have been talking about the team's entire season.

The Dolphins provided their own handicaps in 1985. They struggled through the first half, winning five of their first nine games. After hacking out another division title, they almost forfeited to the underdog Cleveland Browns in the playoffs. Finally, they were beaten in the conference championship game by the New England Patriots in the Orange Bowl, a place where the Pats usually consider it a moral victory if they can find a parking place.

"We did not accomplish what we set out to accomplish," admitted Don Shula, the legendary coach. Ordinarily, bygones would be bygones and Shula and the rest of the Dolphins would be looking forward to the future, but the future doesn't look much rosier than the immediate past. "We haven't run the ball very well and we haven't been very good at stopping the run," says Shula.

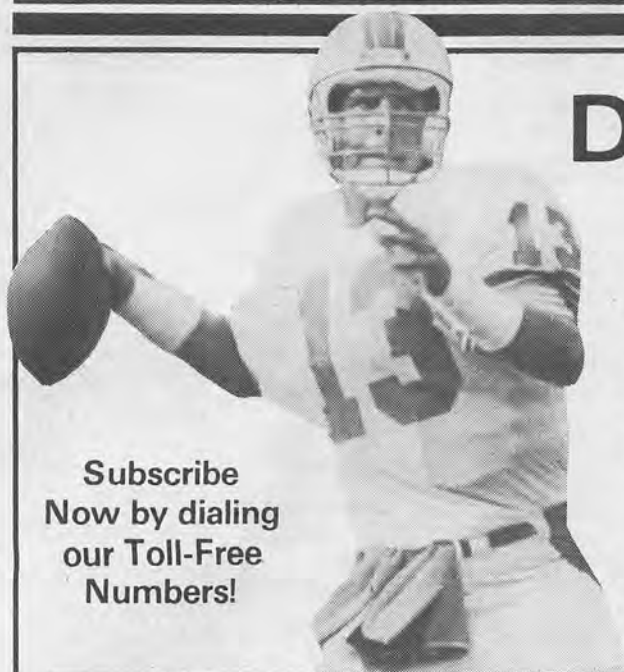
That's an honest evaluation. The Dolphins finished 18th in the NFL in running last year. No Miami back gained more than 78 yards in a single game. Nathan, not a heavy-duty back, gained just 667 yards to lead the team. The average rushing yardage per game for the entire offense was just over 105 yards.

The opposition averaged 141 yards rushing per game, which ranked the Dolphins 23rd in the league in that category. The problem was a soft, inconsistent interior. The Dolphins need more active, instinctive inside linebackers and healthier, more consistent defensive linemen. The prospect of improvement is hindered by the Dolphins' lack of premium draft choices. They didn't have a pick until late in the second



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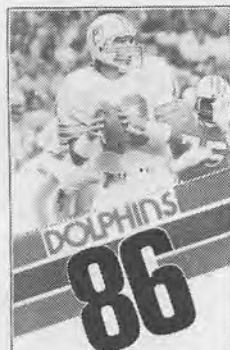
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round. Miami gave up their first-round selection and an early second-round choice they had received from Minnesota in the Anthony Carter deal for Hugh Green, the one-time all-pro outside linebacker for Tampa Bay. "It was a lot to give up," admits Shula, "but in order to get a player of Green's ability, you have to give up a lot. We think he was worth it."

Green improved the Miami linebacking picture, but he wasn't the immediate impact player the Dolphins had hoped for. A summer learning the Miami system and becoming more comfortable in his new surroundings could make a major difference. But even if Green does return to his all-pro level, that still doesn't do much for the inside backing, nor for the line. Jackie Shipp hasn't approached the level of play as an inside linebacker the Dolphins had expected when they made him a No. 1 draftee in 1984. Charles Bowser may be a long shot to come back from injury. Jay Brophy lacks speed, but he has credentials as a good-luck charm. In games in which he has been a starter, the team has a 14-2 record.

Neither Doug Betters nor Kim Bokamper, the starting ends, have played up to the standards they maintained three or four years ago. Their latest decline may have something to do with nose tackle Bob Baumhower's career-threatening knee injury. Baumhower was out for almost the entire season. Mike Charles had

some good moments, but he is the model of inconsistency. In fact, Charles is almost a mirror image of the Dolphin defense itself. It's understandable when an offense the caliber of the New York Jets gains 467 yards in a game against Miami; not so understandable when the 2-14 Tampa Bay Buccaneers gain the exact same yardage.

The better-fortified defensive positions are manned by Bob Brudzinski at outside linebacker, Glenn Blackwood at strong safety, Bud Brown at free safety, and William Judson at right cornerback. Don McNeal, the left corner who once was among the team's best defensive players, is too much of a risk to list as a starter any longer due to his injury record. Paul Lankford plays ahead of him.

The good news is on offense. Miami's poor start was due, in large part, to the contract hassle which led to quarterback Dan Marino holding out for almost all of training camp. Still, Marino had another 4,000-yard season (4,137, to be exact). He threw for 30 touchdowns. Understandably, for a team on which no runner carried the ball more than 16 times in any game, Marino led the NFL in pass completions, with 336.

An injury to Mark Duper, one of his two breakaway receivers, accounted as much as the holdout for the slight dip in Marino's statistics from 1984. Duper missed half the season with an injury, then won a critical game against the Jets with a miracle catch of Marino's pass to complete a 50-yard touchdown play with 41 seconds remaining. "Now I think everyone sees how much we need Duper," observed Shula.

Mark Clayton caught 70 passes for 996 yards and four touchdowns, but with Duper out, Nathan became more important as a receiver. He caught 72 passes. Veteran Nat Moore also contributed heavily. Seven of his 51 catches were for touchdowns. And no team uses its tight ends more successfully as receivers. The trio of Bruce Hardy, Joe Rose, and Dan Johnson combined for 71 catches and 11 touchdowns.

There is some hope for improvement in the running game. "Ron Davenport was a fine addition for us," says Shula, "and we have hopes that Lorenzo Hampton will increase his contributions this season." Davenport, a sixth-round draft choice, scored 11 touchdowns and averaged 3.8 yards on his 98 carries. He added two more touchdowns on pass receptions. Hampton, the No. 1 draftee, ran for 369 yards in 105 carries and averaged 22.7 yards per kickoff return.

The offensive line, anchored by Dwight Stephenson, one of the best centers in NFL history, allowed only 19 sacks, but it could improve a great deal on power blocking for the run. Roy Foster is a Pro-Bowl-caliber guard. Jon Geisler is not far off that standard as a tackle, even though he played hurt in '85. When right guard Ed Newman and right tackle Jeff Toews were injured last year, Ronnie Lee and Cleveland Green filled in ably.

If the draft amounts only to one pick for the Dolphins, Shula would be happy, as long as the one pick was top choice John Offerdahl. A 232-pound inside linebacker from Western Michigan, Offerdahl forced 17 fumbles as a senior and had 171 tackles. He's a thunderous hitter, though somewhat limited on pass coverage despite his six career interceptions.

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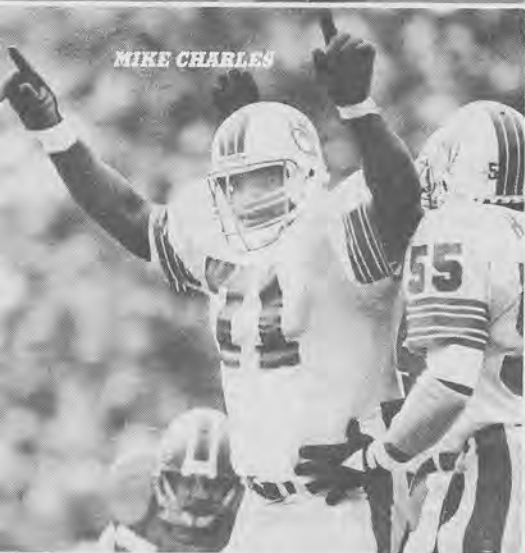


DOLPHINS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
70	Barnett, Bill	DE	6-4	260	30	7	Nebraska
73	Baumhower, Bob	DT	6-5	265	31	9	Alabama
34	Bennett, Woody	FB	6-2	225	31	8	Miami
75	Betters, Doug	DE	6-7	265	30	9	Nevada-Reno
47	Blackwood, Glenn	S	6-0	190	29	8	Texas
42	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-1	190	35	14	TCU
58	Bokamper, Kim	DE	6-6	255	32	10	San Jose St.
56	Bowser, Charles	LB	6-3	235	27	5	Duke
53	Brophy, Jay	LB	6-3	233	26	3	Miami
43	Brown, Bud	S	6-0	194	25	3	S. Mississippi
51	Brown, Mark	LB	6-2	225	25	4	Purdue
59	Brudzinski, Bob	LB	6-4	223	31	10	Ohio State
23	Carter, Joe	RB	5-11	198	24	3	Alabama
71	Charles, Mike	DT	6-4	285	24	4	Syracuse
76	Clark, Steve	G	6-4	255	26	5	Utah
83	Clayton, Mark	WR	5-9	175	25	4	Louisville
30	Davenport, Ron	FB	6-2	230	24	2	Louisville
65	Dellenbach, Jeff	OT	6-5	280	23	2	Wisconsin
85	Duper, Mark	WR	5-9	187	27	5	NW State
61	Foster, Roy	GT	6-4	275	26	5	Southern Cal.
79	Giesler, Jon	T	6-5	280	30	8	Michigan
74	Green, Cleveland	T	6-3	262	29	8	Southern
55	Green, Hugh	LB	6-2	225	27	6	Pittsburgh
27	Hampton, Lorenzo	RB	6-0	212	24	2	Florida
24	Hanks, Duan	WR	6-0	180	25	1	Steph. F. Austin
84	Hardy, Bruce	TE	6-5	232	30	9	Arizona St.
88	Hellin, Vince	WR	6-0	185	27	5	Central St.
11	Jensen, Jim	WR	6-4	215	28	6	Boston U.
87	Johnson, Dan	TE	6-3	240	26	4	Iowa St.
49	Judson, William	CB	6-1	190	27	5	S.C. St.
40	Kozlowski, Mike	S	6-1	198	30	7	Colorado
44	Lankford, Paul	CB	6-2	184	28	5	Penn State
63	Lee, Larry	GC	6-2	263	27	6	UCLA
72	Lee, Ronnie	G	6-4	265	30	8	Baylor
99	Little, George	DT	6-4	278	23	2	Iowa
13	Marino, Dan	QB	6-4	214	25	4	Pittsburgh
28	McNeal, Don	CB	5-11	192	28	6	Alabama
91	Moore, Mack	DE	6-4	258	27	2	Texas A&M
89	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9	188	26	13	Florida
54	Moyer, Alex	LB	6-1	221	23	2	Northwestern
22	Nathan, Tony	RB	6-0	206	30	8	Alabama
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	255	35	13	Duke
9	Pisarcik, Joe	QB	6-4	220	34	9	New Mexico St.
7	Reveiz, Fuad	PK	5-11	222	23	2	Tennessee
4	Roby, Reggie	P	6-2	243	25	4	Iowa
80	Rose, Joe	TE	6-3	230	29	7	California
52	Sandline, Robin	LB	6-3	225	28	6	Texas
50	Shipp, Jackie	LB	6-2	236	24	3	Oklahoma
18	Smith, Mike	CB	6-0	171	24	2	Texas-El Paso
45	Sowell, Robert	CB	5-11	175	25	4	Howard
57	Stephenson, Dwight	C	6-2	285	29	7	Alabama
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	220	36	13	Virginia Tech.
60	Toews, Jeff	GC	6-3	255	29	8	Washington
32	Vigorito, Tom	WR	5-10	190	27	4	Virginia

DRAFTIES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
2	Offerdahl, John	LB	6-2	232	W. Michigan
3	Turner, T.J.	DT	6-4	282	Houston
4	Prull, James	WR	6-2	190	Cal.-Fullerton
5	Wyatt, Kevin	QB	5-9	199	Arkansas
6	Sowell, Brent	DE	6-5	272	Alabama
7	Kolie, Larry	LB	6-1	242	Ohio St.
8	Stuart, John	OT	6-4	275	Texas
9	Thompson, Reyna	DB	5-11	194	Baylor
10	Wickersham, Jeff	QB	6-3	253	LSU
11	Franklin, Arnold	TE	6-3	253	North Carolina
12	Isom, Ricky	RB	5-10	235	N.C. State

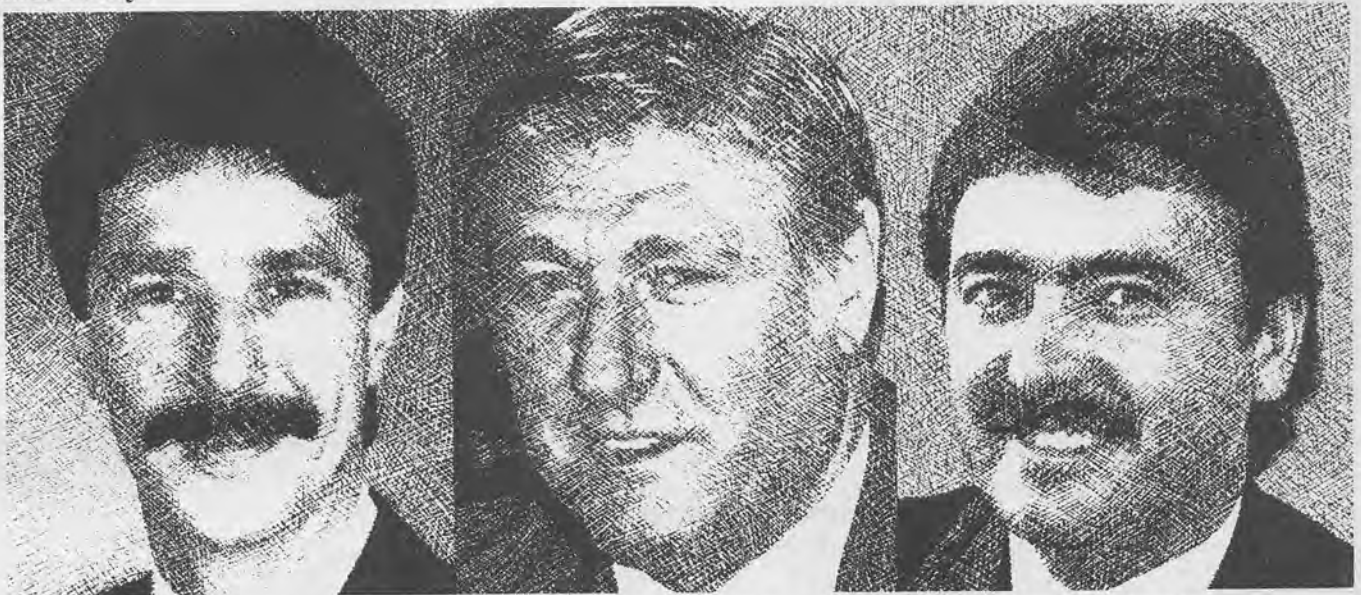


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1985 NFL FINAL STANDINGS

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Opp
Dallas.....	10	6	0	.625	357	333
N.Y. Giants.....	10	6	0	.625	399	283
Washington.....	10	6	0	.625	297	212
Philadelphia.....	7	9	0	.438	286	310
St. Louis.....	5	11	0	.313	278	414

Central Division

Chicago.....	15	1	0	.938	456	198
Green Bay.....	8	8	0	.500	337	355
Detroit.....	7	9	0	.438	307	366
Minnesota.....	7	9	0	.438	346	359
Tampa Bay.....	2	14	0	.125	294	448

Western Division

L.A. Rams.....	11	5	0	.733	334	261
San Francisco.....	10	6	0	.625	411	263
New Orleans.....	5	11	0	.313	294	401
Atlanta.....	4	12	0	.250	282	452

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Opp
Miami.....	12	4	0	.750	428	320
N.Y. Jets.....	11	5	0	.688	393	264
New England.....	11	5	0	.688	362	290
Indianapolis.....	5	11	0	.312	320	386
Buffalo.....	2	14	0	.125	200	381

Central Division

Cleveland.....	8	8	0	.500	287	294
Cincinnati.....	7	9	0	.438	441	437
Pittsburgh.....	7	9	0	.438	379	355
Houston.....	5	11	0	.312	284	412

Western Division

L.A. Raiders.....	12	4	0	.750	338	302
Denver.....	11	5	0	.688	380	329
Seattle.....	8	8	0	.500	349	303
San Diego.....	8	8	0	.500	467	435
Kansas City.....	6	10	0	.375	317	360

WILD CARD GAMES

New England 26, N.Y. Jets 14
N.Y. Giants 17, San Francisco 3

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

New England 27, L.A. Raiders 20
Miami 24, Cleveland 21
Chicago 21, N.Y. Giants 0
L.A. Rams 20, Dallas 0

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chicago 24, L.A. Rams 0
New England 31, Miami 14

SUPER BOWL XX

Chicago 46, New England 10

AFC WILD CARD GAME

New England.....	3	10	3	— 26
New York Jets.....	0	7	7	— 14

First Period

New England: FG Franklin 33, 9:40

Second Period

New York: Hector 11 pass from O'Brien
(Leahy kick), :05

New England: FG Franklin 41, 4:04

New England: Morgan 36 pass from Eason
(Franklin kick), 13:38

Third Period

New England: FG Franklin 20, 8:36

New England: Rembert 15 fumble return,
(Franklin kick), 8:51

New York: Shuler 12 pass from Ryan
(Leahy kick), 14:03

Fourth Period

New England: FG Franklin 26, 11:47

Attendance: 70,958.

Team Statistics

	New England	New York
First downs.....	12	15
Rushes-yards.....	39-99	21-58
Passing.....	159	182
Return yards.....	56	3
Comp-att.....	12-16-0	23-34-2
Sacks by.....	5-51	3-20
Punts.....	5-40	5-38
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	3-2
Penalties-yards.....	1-10	6-48
Time of possession.....	31:47	28:13

Individual Statistics

Rushing: New England, C. James 22-49,
Collins 11-36, Eason 6-14. New York,

McNiel 16-41, Hector 4-13, O'Brien 1-4.

Passing: New England, Eason 12-16-0-179.
New York, O'Brien 13-17-1-149, Ryan 10-

17-1-84.

Receiving: New England, Morgan 4-62, Fryer

2-47, C. James 2-36, Dawson 2-20, Collins

2-14. New York, Toon 9-93, Shuler 5-53,
Walker 4-54, McNiel 3-13, Hector 1-11,

Kiever 1-9.

Missed field goals: New England, Franklin 41.

NFC WILD CARD GAME

San Francisco.....	0	3	0	— 3
New York Giants.....	3	7	7	— 17

First Period

New York: FG Schubert 47, 3:57

Second Period

New York: Bavaro 18 pass from Simms
(Schubert kick), 6:40

San Francisco: FG Wersching 21, 14:38

Third Period

New York: Hasselback 3 pass from Simms
(Schubert kick), 4:04

Attendance: 75,842.

Team Statistics

	San Francisco	New York
First downs.....	19	21
Rushes-yards.....	22-94	41-174
Passing.....	268	181
Return yards.....	7	44
Comp-att.....	26-48-1	15-31-1
Sacks by.....	0-0	4-28
Punts.....	6-38	5-37
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	0-0
Penalties-yards.....	6-41	5-45
Time of possession.....	28:16	31:44

Individual Statistics

Rushing: San Francisco, Tyler 10-61, Craig

9-23, Monroe 1-10, Harmon 1-0, Montana

1-0. New York, Morris 28-141, Carpenter

4-25, Adams 4-13, Simms 5-(minus 5).

Passing: San Francisco, Montana,

26-47-1-296, Rice 0-1-0-0. New York,

Simms 15-31-1-181.

Receiving: San Francisco, Clark 8-120, Rice

4-45, Francis 4-39, Frank 3-25, Ring 3-19,

Craig 2-18, Harmon 1-16, Wilson 1-14. New

York, Bavaro 5-67, Manuel 3-56, Carpenter

3-36, Galbreath 1-9, Adams 1-5, Morris 1-5,

Hasselbeck 1-3.

Missed field goals: New York, Schubert, 43,

36, 39.

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

New England.....	7	10	10	— 27
L.A. Raiders.....	3	17	0	— 20

First Period

New England: Dawson 13 pass from Eason
(Franklin kick), 4:34

Los Angeles: FG Bahr 29, 10:13

Second Period

Los Angeles: Hester 16 pass from Wilson
(Bahr kick), 4:21

Los Angeles: Allen 11 run (Bahr kick), 6:07

New England: C. James 2 run
(Franklin kick), 11:22

New England: FG Franklin 45, 13:15

Los Angeles: FG Bahr 32, 14:54

Third Period

New England: FG Franklin 32, 13:49

New England: Bowman fumble recovery in
end zone (Franklin kick), 14:03

Attendance: 88,936.

Team Statistics

	New England	Los Angeles
First downs.....	15	17
Rushes-yards.....	49-156	27-163
Passing.....	98	124
Return yards.....	23	36
Comp-att.....	8-15-0	11-27-3
Sacks by.....	2-11	3-27
Punts.....	5-45	2-34
Fumbles-lost.....	3-2	5-3
Penalties-yards.....	6-45	6-53
Time of possession.....	36:59	23:01

Individual Statistics

Rushing: New England, C. James 23-104,

Collins 9-18, Weathers 9-18, Tatupu 4-17,

Fryar 1-3, Eason 3-(minus 4), L.A. Raiders,

Allen 22-121, Hawkins 4-33, Wilson 1-9.

Passing: New England, Eason 7-14-0-117,

C. James 1-1-0-8. L.A. Raiders, Wilson

11-27-3-135.

Receiving: New England, C. James 3-48,

D. Ramsey 2-34, Morgan 1-22, Dawson

1-13, Collins 1-8. L.A. Raiders, Christensen

4-78, Williams 3-33, Allen 3-8, Hester 1-16.

Missed field goals: L.A. Raiders, Bahr 44.

AFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Cleveland.....	7	7	7	— 21
Miami.....	3	0	14	— 7-24

First Period

Miami—FG Reveiz 51, 4:26

Cleveland—Newsome 16 pass from Kosar
(Bahr Kick) 13:36

Second Period

Cleveland—Byner 21 run (Bahr kick) 14:02

Third Period

Cleveland—Byner 66 run (Bahr kick) 3:38

Miami—Moore 6 pass from Marino

(Reveiz kick) 9:47

Miami—Davenport 31 run (Reveiz kick) 13:19

Fourth Period

Miami—Davenport 1 run (Reveiz kick) 13:03

Attendance: 75,128.

Chicago running back Walter Payton
and quarterback Jim McMahon

continued



PLAYOFF & SUPER BOWL RECAP

continued

William
"Refrigerator"
Perry celebrates
his one-yard
touchdown
run in the
third period.



Al Messerschmidt

Team Statistics

	Cleveland	Miami
First downs	17	20
Rushes-yards	37-251	19-92
Passing	62	238
Return yards	121	114
Comp-att	10-19-1	25-45-1
Sacks by	1-4	0-0
Punts	6-37	5-42
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	6-49	2-20
Time of possession	29:17	30:43

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Cleveland, Byner 16-161, Mack 13-56, Dickey 6-28, Kosar 2-6. Miami, Davenport 6-48, Nathan 7-21, Bennett 4-17, Carter 2-6.

Passing: Cleveland, Kosar 10-19-1-66. Miami, Marino 25-45-1-238.

Receiving: Cleveland, Byner 4-25, Newsome 2-22, Holt 2-2, CL. Weathers 1-12, Fontenot 1-5. Miami, Nathan 10-101, Hardy 5-51, Moore 4-29, D. Johnson 2-17, Rose 1-17, Clayton 1-15, Bennett 1-6, Carter 1-2.

Missed field goals: Miami, Reveiz 47.

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

New York Giants	0	0	0	0 — 0
Chicago	7	0	14	0 — 21

First Period

Chicago: Gayle 5 punt return (Butler kick), 9:32

Third Period

Chicago: McKinnon 23 pass from McMahon (Butler kick), 6:12

Chicago: McKinnon 20 pass from McMahon (Butler kick), 14:23

Attendance: 62,076.

Team Statistics

	New York	Chicago
First downs	10	17
Rushes-yards	14-32	44-147
Passing	149	216
Return yards	9	27
Comp-att	14-35-0	11-21-0
Sacks by	0-0	6-60

Punts	9-38	6-37
Fumbles-lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	4-25	2-20
Time of possession	22:46	37:14

Individual Statistics

Rushing: New York, Morris 12-32, Galbreath 1-9, Williams 1-(minus 9). Chicago, Payton 27-93, Suhey 6-33, McMahon 5-18, Thomas 4-11, McKinnon 1-(minus 7), Gentry 1-(minus 1).

Passing: New York, Simms 14-35-209. Chicago, McMahon 11-21-216.

Receiving: New York, Bavaro 4-36, Adams 3-65, Carpenter 3-24, Williams 1-33, McConkey 1-23, Johnson 1-17, Galbreath 1-11. Chicago, Gault 3-68, McKinnon 3-52, Suhey 2-5, Wrightman 1-46, Gentry 1-41, Payton 1-4.

Missed field goals: Chicago, Butler 26, 49, 38. New York, Schubert 19.

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF

Dallas	0	0	0	0 — 0
L.A. Rams	3	0	10	7 — 20

First Period

Los Angeles: FG Lansford 33, 5:19

Third Period

Los Angeles: Dickerson 55 run (Lansford kick), 2:1

Los Angeles: FG Lansford 34, 1:28

Fourth Period

Los Angeles: Dickerson 40 run (Lansford kick), 5:6

Attendance: 68,576.

Team Statistics

	Dallas	Los Angeles
First downs	15	15
Rushes-yards	18-61	41-269
Passing	182	47
Return yards	160	117
Comp-att	24-43-3	6-22-1
Sacks by	5-35	1-3

Punts	7-47	7-41
Fumbles-lost	3-3	3-1
Penalties-yards	5-30	4-29
Time of possession	30:45	29:15

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Dallas, Dorsett 17-58, Newsome 1-3, Los Angeles, Dickerson 34-248, Redden 6-21, Brock 1-0.

Passing: Dallas, White 24-43-3-217. Los Angeles, Brock 6-22-1-50.

Receiving: Dallas, Dorsett 8-80, Cosbie 6-61, T. Hill 5-41, Newsome 3-10, Powe 1-19, J. Jones 1-6, Los Angeles, Ellard 2-33, Redden 1-15, D. Hill 1-3, Hunter 1-3, Dickerson 1-(-4).

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

L.A. Rams	0	0	0	0 — 0
Chicago	10	0	7	7 — 24

First Period

Chicago: McMahon 16 run (Butler kick), 5:25. Chicago: FG Butler 34, 10:34

Third Period

Chicago: Gault 22 pass from McMahon (Butler kick), 8:04.

Fourth Period

Chicago: Marshall 52 fumble return (Butler kick), 12:23.

Attendance: 63,522.

Team Statistics

	Los Angeles	Chicago
First downs	9	13
Rushes-yards	26-86	33-91
Passing	44	141
Return yards	16	18
Comp-att	10-31-1	16-25-0
Sacks by	3-23	3-22
Punts	11-39	10-36
Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-1
Penalties-yards	4-25	6-48
Time of possession	25:33	34:27

Focus West



**Individual Statistics**

Rushing: Los Angeles, Dickerson 17-46, Redden 9-40, Chicago, Payton 18-32, McMahon 4-28, Suhey 6-23, Gentry 2-9, Thomas 3-(minus 1).

Passing: Los Angeles, Brock 10-31-1-66, Chicago, McMahon 16-25-0-164.

Receiving: Los Angeles, Hunter 3-29, Dickerson 3-10, Brown 2-14, Duckworth 1-8, Ellard 1-5, Chicago, Payton 7-48, Gault 4-56, Moorehead 2-28, McKinnon 1-17, Wrightman 1-8, Suhey 1-7.

Missed field goals: None.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

New England 3 14 7 7 — 31
Miami 0 7 0 7 — 14

First Period

New England: FG Franklin 23, 6:40

Second Period

Miami: D. Johnson 10 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick), :21.

New England: Collins 4 pass from Eason (Franklin kick), 4:50.

New England: Ramsey 1 pass from Eason (Franklin kick), 9:35

Third Period

New England: Weathers 2 pass from Eason (Franklin kick), 3:02.

Fourth Period

Miami: Nathan 10 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick), :32.

New England: Tatupu 1 run (Franklin kick), 7:26.

Attendance: 74,978.

Team Statistics

	New England	Miami
First downs	21	18
Rushes-yards	59-255	13-68
Passing	71	234
Return yards	23	8
Comp-att	10-12-0	20-48-2
Sacks by	1-14	0-0
Punts	5-40	4-41
Fumbles-lost	2-2	5-4
Penalties-yards	2-15	4-35
Time of possession	39:51	20:09

Individual Statistics

Rushing: New England, C. James 22-105, Weathers 16-87, Collins 12-61, Tatupu 6-9, Eason 3 (minus 7), Miami, Carter 6-56, Davenport 3-6, Nathan 2-4, Bennett 1-2, Marino 1-0.

Passing: New England, Eason 10-12-0-71, Miami, Marino 20-48-2-248.

Receiving: New England, D. Ramsey 3-18, Collins 3-15, Morgan 2-30, Tatupu 1-6, Weathers 1-2, Miami, Nathan 5-57, Hardy 3-52, Duper 3-45, Clayton 3-41, Davenport 3-23, D. Johnson 1-10, N. Moore 1-10, Rose 1-10.

Missed field goals: New England, Franklin 47, Miami, Reveiz 32.

continued

Matt Suhey (above) scored the Bears' first touchdown in Super Bowl XX; Steve Grogan was tackled in the end zone by Henry Waechter for a safety.



PLAYOFF & SUPER BOWL RECAP continued

SUPER BOWL XX

At New Orleans, LA, January 26

Chicago	13	10	21	2	46
New England	3	0	0	7	10

First Period

New England: FG Franklin 36, 1:19
Chicago: FG Butler 28, 5:40
Chicago: FG Butler 24, 13:39
Chicago: Suhey 11 run (Butler kick), 14:37

Second Period

Chicago: McMahon 2 run (Butler kick), 7:36
Chicago: FG Butler 25, 15:00

Third Period

Chicago: McMahon 1 run (Butler kick), 7:38
Chicago: Phillips 28 interception return (Butler kick), 8:44

Chicago: Perry 1 run (Butler kick), 11:38

Fourth Period

New England: Fryar 8 pass from Grogan (Franklin kick), 1:46
Chicago: Safety, Grogan tackled in end zone by Waechter, 9:24
Attendance: 73,818

Team Statistics

	Chicago	New England
First downs	23	12
Rushing	13	1
Passing	9	10
Penalty	1	1
Third-down eff.	7-14	1-10
Fourth-down eff.	0-1	0-0
Total net yards	408	123
Total plays	76	54
Avg. gain	5.4	2.3
Net yards rushing	167	7
Rushes	49	11
Avg. per rush	3.4	0.6

Net yards passing	241	116
Completed att.	12-24	17-36
Yards per pass	10.0	3.2
Sacked-yds lost	3-15	7-61
Had intercepted	0	2
Punts-avg.	4-43	6-44
Total return yards	144	175
Punts returns	2-20	2-22
Kickoffs returns	4-49	7-153
Interceptions	2-75	0-0
Penalties-yds	6-35	5-35
Fumbles-lost	3-2	4-4
Time of possession	39:15	20:45

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Chicago—Payton 22-61, Suhey

11-52, Gentry 3-15, Sanders 4-15, McMahon 5-14, Thomas 2-8, Perry 1-1, Fuller 1-1, New England—Collins 3-4, Weathers 1-3, Grogan 1-3, C. James 5-1, Hawthorne 1 (minus 4)

Passing: Chicago—McMahon 12-20-0-256, Fuller 0-4-0-0, New England—Eason 0-6-0-0, Grogan 17-30-2-177

Receiving: Chicago—Gault 4-129, Gentry 2-41, Margerum 2-36, Moorehead 2-22, Suhey 1-2, Thomas 1-4, New England—Morgan 7-70, Starring 2-39, Fryar 2-24, Collins 2-19, Ramsey 2-16, C. James 1-6, Weathers 1-3

Tackles-assists-sacks: Chicago—Phillips 7-0-0, Duerson 4-0-0, Marshall 4-0-1/2, Fencik 2-1-0, River 2-0-0, Dent 2-1-1/2, Hampton 2-1-1, Cabral 2-0-0, Gayle 1-0-0, Richardson 1-1-0, Taylor 1-0-0, Singletary 1-1-0, Wilson 1-1-2, Perry 1-0-0, Hartenstine 1-0-0, Ortego 1-0-0, Waechter 0-0-1, New England—Blackmon 7-1-0, Nelson 6-3-0, Marion 6-1-0, R. James 5-1-0, Lippett 5-0-0, Tippet 5-1-0, Owens 4-1-2, McGrew 3-3-0, Veris 3-2-0, Hawthorne 3-0-0, McSwain 2-0-0, Clayborn 2-0-0, Rembert 2-0-0, Adams 2-1-0, Thomas 2-0-1, Gibson 1-0-0, Ingram 1-0-0, Creswell 1-0-0, C. James 1-0-0, Morgan 1-0-0, Dawson 1-0-0

Interceptions: Chicago—Phillips, Morrissey
Missed field goals: None

Officials: Referee Red Cashion, Ump Ron Botchan, FJ Jack Vaughan, HL Dale Williams, LJ Bama Glass, SJ Bob Wright, BJ Al Jury, A—73,818, No Shows—None

PAST SUPER BOWLS

1967	Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
1968	Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
1969	New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7
1970	Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
1971	Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
1972	Dallas 24, Miami 3
1973	Miami 14, Washington 7
1974	Miami 24, Minnesota 7
1975	Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
1976	Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
1977	Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
1978	Dallas 27, Denver 10
1979	Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
1980	Pittsburgh 31, Los Angeles Rams 19
1981	Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10
1982	San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21
1983	Washington 27, Miami 17
1984	Los Angeles Raiders 38, Washington 9
1985	San Francisco 38, Miami 16
1986	Chicago 46, New England 10

SUPER BOWL MVPs

1967	Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers
1968	Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers
1969	Joe Namath, New York Jets
1970	Len Dawson, Kansas City Chiefs
1971	Chuck Howley, Dallas Cowboys
1972	Roger Staubach, Dallas Cowboys
1973	Jake Scott, Miami Dolphins
1974	Larry Csonka, Miami Dolphins
1975	Franco Harris, Pittsburgh Steelers
1976	Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh Steelers
1977	Fred Biletnikoff, Oakland Raiders
1978	Randy White and Harvey Martin, Dallas Cowboys
1979	Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers
1980	Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh Steelers
1981	Jim Plunkett, Oakland Raiders
1982	Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
1983	John Riggins, Washington Redskins
1984	Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders
1985	Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers
1986	Richard Dent, Chicago Bears

Chicago coach Mike Ditka in triumph after the Bears' 46-10 rout of the Patriots



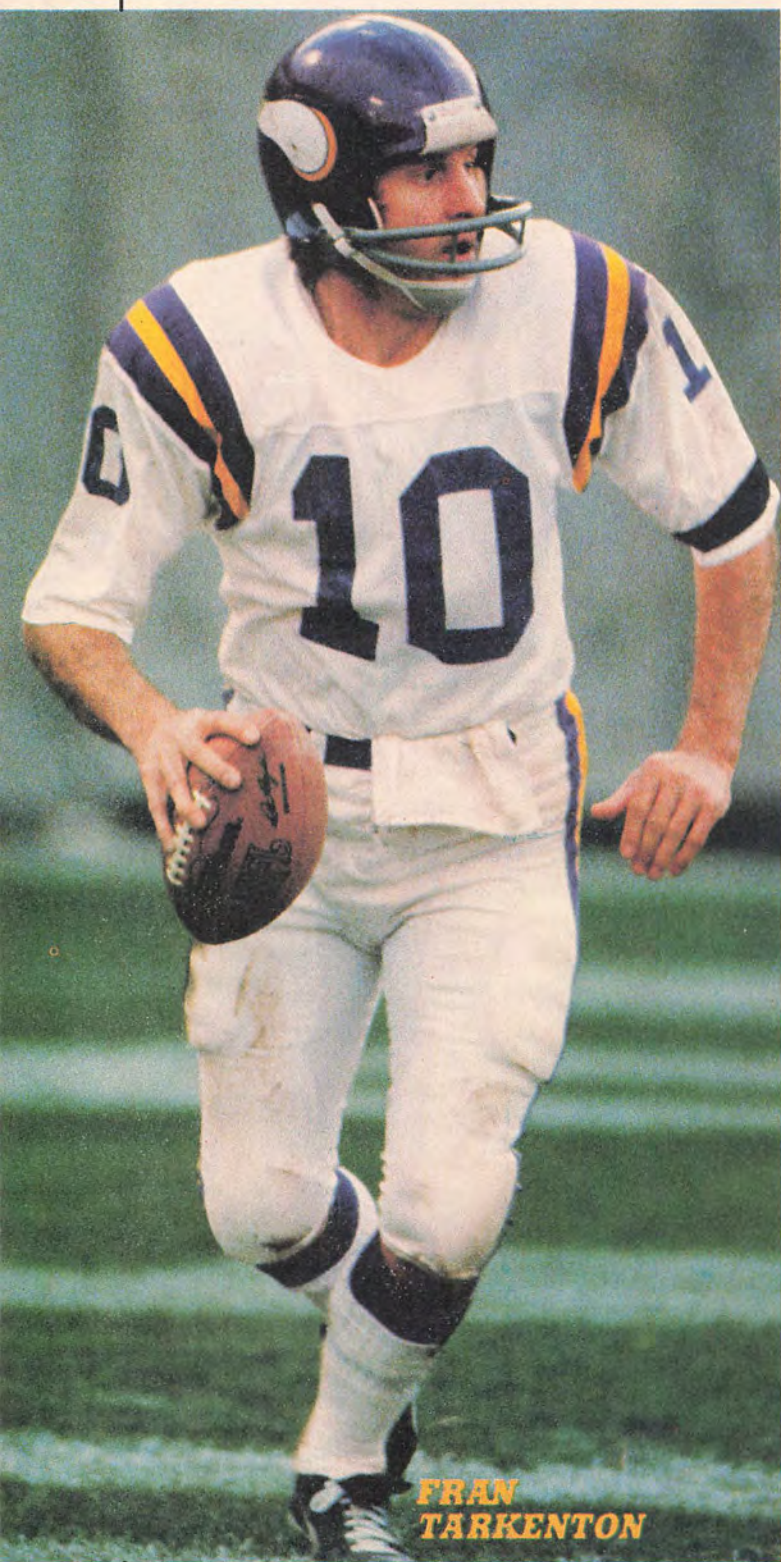
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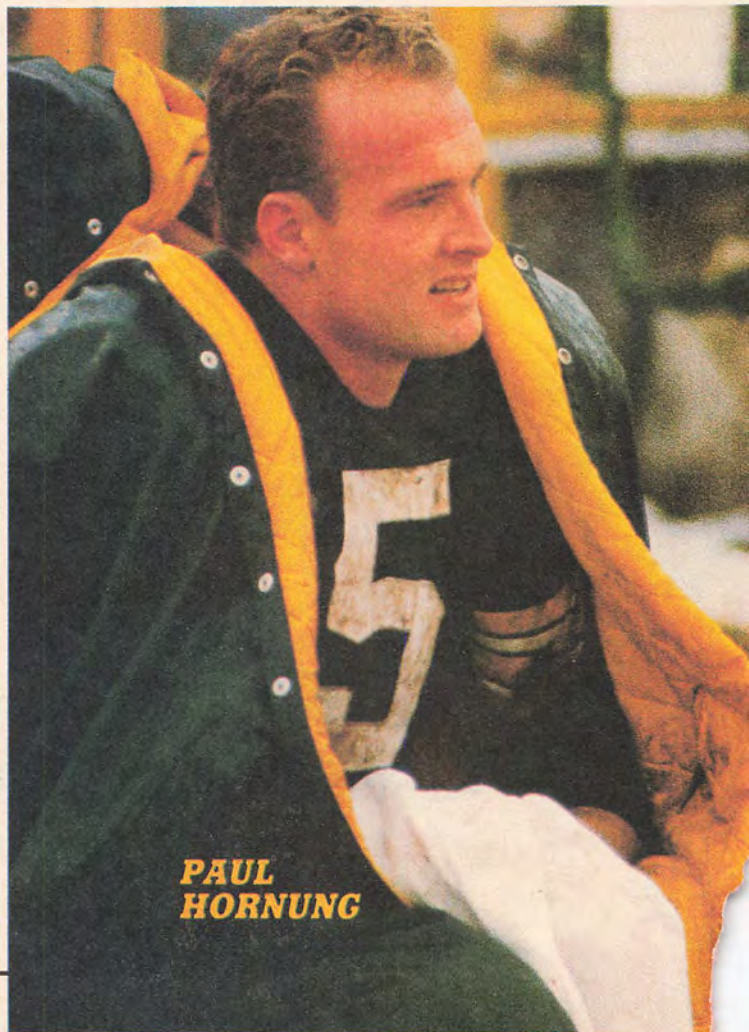
**FRAN
TARKENTON**

Introducing the pro football Hall of Fame class of 1986: Paul Hornung, Ken Houston, Willie Lanier, Fran Tarkenton, and Doak Walker. The five new members were selected from a preliminary list of more than 60 candidates that was reduced to 15 and eventually to seven finalists. Their induction ceremony will take place in Canton, Ohio, on August 2.

Paul Hornung, a two-time All-America quarterback at Notre Dame, won the Heisman Trophy in 1956. His nine-year pro career (1957–66) with the Green Bay Packers was interrupted in 1963 when he was suspended by commissioner Pete Rozelle for betting on his own team.

Elected in his fifteenth year of eligibility, Hornung admitted he "always had hope I'd get in some day." He led the National Football League in scoring for three straight years, and his 176 points in 1960 remains an NFL record. Twice named the league's Most Valuable Player, Hornung was on leave from the U.S. Army for the 1961 championship game, during which he scored a record 19 points in the Packers' 37-0 rout of the New York Giants. He is the ninth member of that title team to be elected to the Hall.

"He may not be the greatest football player in the world," Vince Lombardi, the Packer coach, once said. "But Paul has



**PAUL
HORNUNG**

HALL OF FAME

the special ability to rise to the occasion and be the greatest of the great when the games are on the line."

Hornung's former teammate Herb Adderley agreed. "Vince called him our money player, and he was just that," said the ex-cornerback at the time of his induction (in 1980). "He should have been the first player from our team in the Hall of Fame."

Hornung, multitasking, rushed for 3,711 yards and 50 touchdowns, had 130 receptions for 1,480 yards and 12 TDs, passed for 383 yards and 5 TDs, and converted 66 field goals and 190 extra points.

Ken Houston was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, five years after his retirement in 1980. The premier defensive back of his time, Houston began his 14-year NFL career in 1967 as a ninth-round draftee of the Houston Oilers. A linebacker at college at Prairie View A&M, the 6-3, 198-pound Houston was converted to strong safety and became a starter midway through his rookie season. On one Sunday in 1971, he returned four interceptions for touchdowns, an NFL record matched a year later by Kansas City's Jim Kearney. Houston was traded to the Washington Redskins for five players in 1973 and went on to win all-pro honors for five straight years. He had 49 interceptions for 898 yards and a record 9 TDs.

"It's a great honor," said a modest Houston. "But I always thought that was for other people, and I never put myself in that class as a player." Jake Scott, a teammate in the Skins' defensive backfield, however, called Houston "the best player I have ever lined up with."

Willie Lanier is the second Kansas City player (after Bobby Bell) to be enshrined at Canton. A small-college All-America at Morgan State, the 6-1, 245-pound Lanier was a second-round pick of the Chiefs in 1967. He became a starter at middle linebacker by his fourth game, a position he held until three weeks before his retirement in 1977. A fierce, quick tackler, Lanier missed just five games in 11 years. He had 27 interceptions and 13 fumble recoveries in an all-star career and led the defense in the Chiefs' conquest of Minnesota in Super Bowl IV in 1970.

Fran Tarkenton was a third-round bargain in the 1961 draft for the expansion Minnesota Vikings, for whom he served 13 of his 18 years in the National Football League. The ex-Georgia quarterback made an immediate impact on his team, throwing four touchdown passes in a season-opening upset of the Chicago Bears. He finished the year with 18 scoring tosses and completed a then-rookie record 56 percent of his passes. He was traded to the New York Giants in 1967 for a pair of No. 1 and No. 2 draft choices, then dealt back to Minnesota four years later. In his second term with the Vikings, the 6-0, 185-pound Tarkenton led the team to six Central Division titles, three conference championships, and three Super Bowls.

Tarkenton owns the NFL passing records for attempts (6,467), completions (3,686), yardage (47,003), and touchdowns (342). Renowned for his scrambling ability, he ran for 3,674 yards—more than the rushing totals of a few Hall of Fame running backs—and 32 TDs.

"I loved the whole time I spent in the NFL," said Tarkenton at his retirement in 1978. "I didn't achieve everything I wanted to, but who does? The fun is in the hunt [and] now the hunt is over."

Doak Walker was nominated by the Hall of Fame's Old-Timers Committee. He had an outstanding collegiate career at Southern Methodist, winning All-America three times and the Heisman Trophy in his junior year in 1948. His rights in the 1949 draft were obtained by the Detroit Lions, for whom he played from 1950 through '55. Walker was remarkable for his versatility. He rushed for 1,520 yards, caught 152 passes for 2,539 yards, returned punts and kickoffs, handled the punting and place-kicking, did a little quarterbacking, and even played defense in emergencies. He won two NFL scoring titles, amassing 534 points in all.

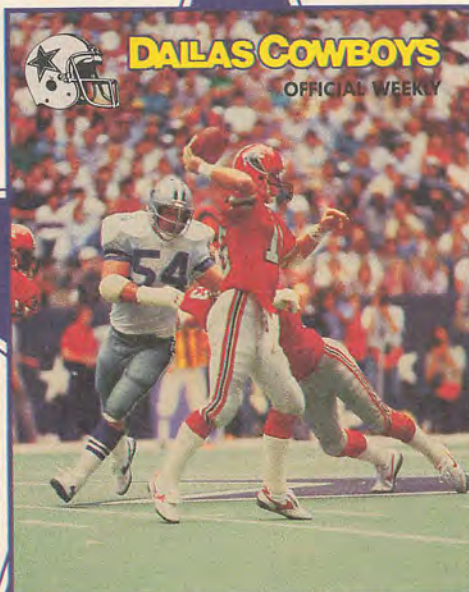
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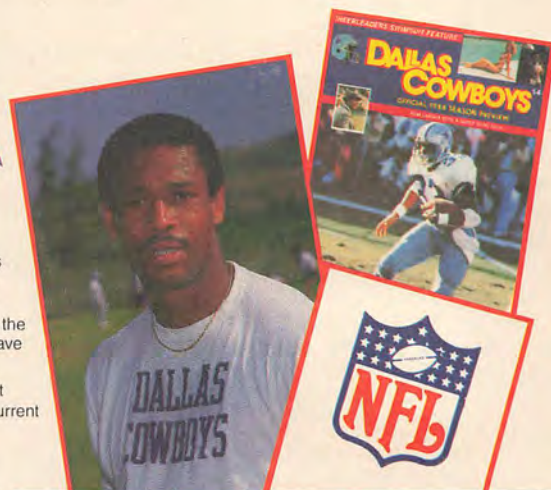
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LEADING PASSERS

MINIMUM 1500 ATTEMPTS

rank	player	yrs.	att.	comp.	yds.	td.	int.	rating
1.	JOE MONTANA	7	2571	1627	19,262	133	67	92.4
2.	Otto Graham	10	2626	1464	23,584	174	135	86.6
3.	Roger Staubach	11	2958	1685	22,700	153	109	83.4
4.	Len Dawson	19	3741	2136	28,711	239	183	82.7
5.	Sonny Jurgensen	18	4262	2433	32,224	255	189	82.6
6.	NEIL LOMAX	5	1826	1047	13,406	79	55	82.3
7.	DANNY WHITE	10	2393	1422	17,911	130	107	82.3
8.	KEN ANDERSON	15	4452	2643	32,667	196	158	82.0
9.	DAN FOUTS	13	4810	2839	37,492	228	205	81.8
10.	Bart Starr	16	3149	1808	24,718	152	138	80.5
11.	Fran Tarkenton	18	6467	3686	47,003	342	266	80.4
12.	BILL KENNEY	7	1735	957	12,699	77	61	78.7
13T	Bert Jones	10	2551	1430	18,190	124	101	78.2
13T	Johnny Unitas	18	5186	2830	40,239	290	253	78.2
15.	Frank Ryan	13	2133	1090	16,042	149	111	77.6
16.	JOE THEISMANN	12	3602	2044	25,206	160	138	77.4
17.	Bob Griese	14	3429	1926	25,092	192	172	77.1
18.	STEVE BARTKOWSKI	11	3330	1871	23,470	154	141	76.0
19.	GARY DANIELSON	9	1847	1049	13,159	77	77	75.6
20.	Ken Stabler	15	3793	2270	27,938	194	222	75.3

PASSES ATTEMPTED

1.	Fran Tarkenton	6467
2.	Johnny Unitas	5186
3.	Jim Hart	5076
4.	DAN FOUTS	4810
5.	John Hadl	4687
6.	Roman Gabriel	4498
7.	John Brodie	4491
8.	KEN ANDERSON	4452
9.	Y.A. Tittle	4395
10.	Norm Snead	4353
11.	Sonny Jurgensen	4262
12.	JOE FERGUSON	4220
13.	George Blanda	4007
14.	Terry Bradshaw	3901
15.	RON JAWORSKI	3797
16.	Ken Stabler	3793
17.	Craig Morton	3786
18.	Joe Namath	3762
19.	Len Dawson	3741
20.	Bobby Layne	3770

TOUCHDOWN PASSES

1.	Fran Tarkenton	342
2.	Johnny Unitas	290
3.	Sonny Jurgensen	255
4.	John Hadl	244
5.	Y.A. Tittle	242
6.	Len Dawson	239
7.	George Blanda	236
8.	DAN FOUTS	228
9.	John Brodie	214
10.	Terry Bradshaw	212
11.	Jim Hart	209
12.	Roman Gabriel	201
13T	KEN ANDERSON	196
13T	Norm Snead	196
13T	Bobby Layne	196
16.	Ken Stabler	194
17.	Bob Griese	192
18.	Sammy Baugh	186
19T	Craig Morton	183
19T	JOE FERGUSON	183

PASSES COMPLETED

1.	Fran Tarkenton	3686
2.	DAN FOUTS	2839
3.	Johnny Unitas	2830
4.	KEN ANDERSON	2643
5.	Jim Hart	2593
6.	John Brodie	2469
7.	Sonny Jurgensen	2433
8.	Y.A. Tittle	2427
9.	Roman Gabriel	2366
10.	John Hadl	2363
11.	Norm Snead	2276
12.	Ken Stabler	2270
13.	JOE FERGUSON	2219
14.	Len Dawson	2136
15.	Craig Morton	2053
16.	JOE THEISMANN	2044
17.	Terry Bradshaw	2025
18.	RON JAWORSKI	2014
19.	Archie Manning	2011
20.	Brian Sipe	1944

YARDS PASSING

1.	Fran Tarkenton	47,003
2.	Johnny Unitas	40,239
3.	DAN FOUTS	37,492
4.	Jim Hart	34,665
5.	John Hadl	33,513
6.	Y.A. Tittle	33,070
7.	KEN ANDERSON	32,667
8.	Sonny Jurgensen	32,224
9.	John Brodie	31,548
10.	Norm Snead	30,797
11.	Roman Gabriel	29,444
12.	Len Dawson	28,711
13.	Terry Bradshaw	27,989
14.	JOE FERGUSON	27,954
15.	Ken Stabler	27,938
16.	Craig Morton	27,908
17.	Joe Namath	27,663
18.	George Blanda	26,920
19.	Bobby Layne	26,768
20.	RON JAWORSKI	26,277

Joe Montana retained his No. 1 spot among the Hall of Fame's Top 20 quarterback rankings. He led the National Conference in completions (303), completion percentage (61.3), touchdown passes (27), and rating (91.3) in 1985. After seven seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, Montana has a 92.7 mark.

Otto Graham, who played for 10 years in the All-America Football Conference and the National Football League, holds the No. 2 ranking, at 86.6. Roger Staubach, who was inducted to the Hall of Fame last summer, holds the No. 3 rating (83.4) after an 11-year career with the Dallas Cowboys. Current Cowboy quarterback Danny White slipped three places, to seventh, after his tenth season in Texas.

Len Dawson and Sonny Jurgensen are rated fourth and fifth, respectively. St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax entered the Top 20 for the first time, jumping all the way to No. 6. Six other NFL quarterbacks active last season are highly ranked: the Cincinnati Bengals' Ken Anderson (No. 8), the San Diego Chargers' Dan Fouts (No. 9), the Kansas City Chiefs' Bill Kenney (No. 12), Redskins Joe Theismann (No. 16), Steve Bartkowski (No. 18) of the Atlanta Falcons, and the Cleveland Browns' Gary Danielson (No. 19).

continued

Y.A. TITTLE



HALL OF FAME continued

In the past two seasons, Walter Payton has achieved the highest individual and team goals in his sport. In 1984 he passed Jim Brown as pro football's greatest runner. A year ago, he led Chicago to a Super Bowl triumph.

En route to the Bears' championship, Payton, 32, seemed determined to stiff-arm Father Time. After a decade in the National Football League, he had averaged 305 carries for 1,331 yards and 8.9 touchdowns. Last season, then, was an above-average one for him: 324 rushing attempts for 1,551 yards and 9 TDs. Only Marcus Allen of the Los Angeles Raiders and Gerald Riggs of the Atlanta Falcons were more productive. In rushing for over 1,000 yards for the ninth time, Payton raised his career total to 14,860. He also found the means to lead the Bears in receiving, catching 49 passes for an additional 483 yards and two scores.

Brown, who amassed 12,312 yards in nine seasons with the Cleveland Browns, is the Hall of Fame's No. 2 rusher. His

5.2 yards-per-carry average and 106 touchdowns are pro records. Franco Harris is in third place in the rankings, with 12,120 yards in 13 years.

John Riggins gained 677 yards for the Washington Redskins in 1985. That increased his 14-year total to 11,352 and advanced him one place, to fourth, ahead of O.J. Simpson (11,236) on the all-time rushing chart. Tony Dorsett ran for 1,307 yards in his ninth season with the Dallas Cowboys. In so doing he became just the sixth player to reach the 10,000-yard mark (10,832). His effort enabled him to pass Joe Perry (9,723) for sixth place. Earl Campbell needs 593 yards for 10,000. He ran for 643 in '85, his first full season with the New Orleans Saints after seven with the Houston Oilers. Injuries limited the St. Louis Cardinals' Otis Anderson to 117 rushes and 479 yards last year. He remains in eleventh place, but with 239 yards will pass Larry Csonka (8,081) and join the top ten ranks.

A year after he became the leading receiver in pro football history, Charlie Joiner of the San Diego Chargers showed no signs of slowing down. Last season, his seventeenth, the 38-year-old caught 59 passes for 932 yards and 7 touchdowns. That increased his career total to 716 receptions for 11,706 yards and 63 TDs.

Hall of Famers Charley Taylor (649 for 9,110 and 79) and Raymond Berry (631 for 9,275 and 68) hold the second and fourth spots, respectively, in the rankings. In third place is Don Maynard (633), who had more yardage (11,834) and more 100-yard games (50) than any receiver in the game and whose 88 touchdown catches are topped only by Don Hutson's 99. Maynard fell short of election to the Hall for the seventh straight year.

Steve Largent of the Seattle Seahawks jumped four places, to fifth. With 79 receptions for a league-leading 1,287 yards, the 32-year-old Largent raised his 10-year output to 624 catches and moved ahead of Lionel Taylor, Harold Jackson, Fred Biletnikoff, and Harold Carmichael. He also be-

TONY DORSETT



LEADING RUSHERS

rank	player	yrs.	att.	yds.	avg.	td.
1	WALTER PAYTON	11	3371	14,860	4.4	98
2	Jim Brown	9	2359	12,312	5.2	106
3	Franco Harris	13	2949	12,120	4.1	91
4	JOHN RIGGINS	14	2916	11,352	3.9	104
5	O.J. Simpson	11	2404	11,236	4.7	61
6	TONY DORSETT	9	2441	10,832	4.4	66
7	Joe Perry	16	1929	9723	5.0	71
8	EARL CAMPBELL	8	2187	9407	4.3	74
9	Jim Taylor	10	1941	8597	4.4	83
10	Larry Csonka	11	1891	8081	4.3	64
11	O.J. ANDERSON	7	1807	7843	4.3	44
12	Leroy Kelly	10	1727	7274	4.2	74
13	MIKE PRUITT	10	1707	6930	4.1	49
14	John Henry Johnson	13	1571	6803	4.3	48
15	WILBERT MONTGOMERY	9	1540	6789	4.4	45
16	Chuck Muncie	9	1561	6702	4.3	71
17	Mark van Eeghen	10	1652	6651	4.0	37
18	Lawrence McCutcheon	10	1521	6578	4.3	26
19	Lydell Mitchell	9	1675	6534	3.9	30
20	Floyd Little	9	1641	6323	3.8	43

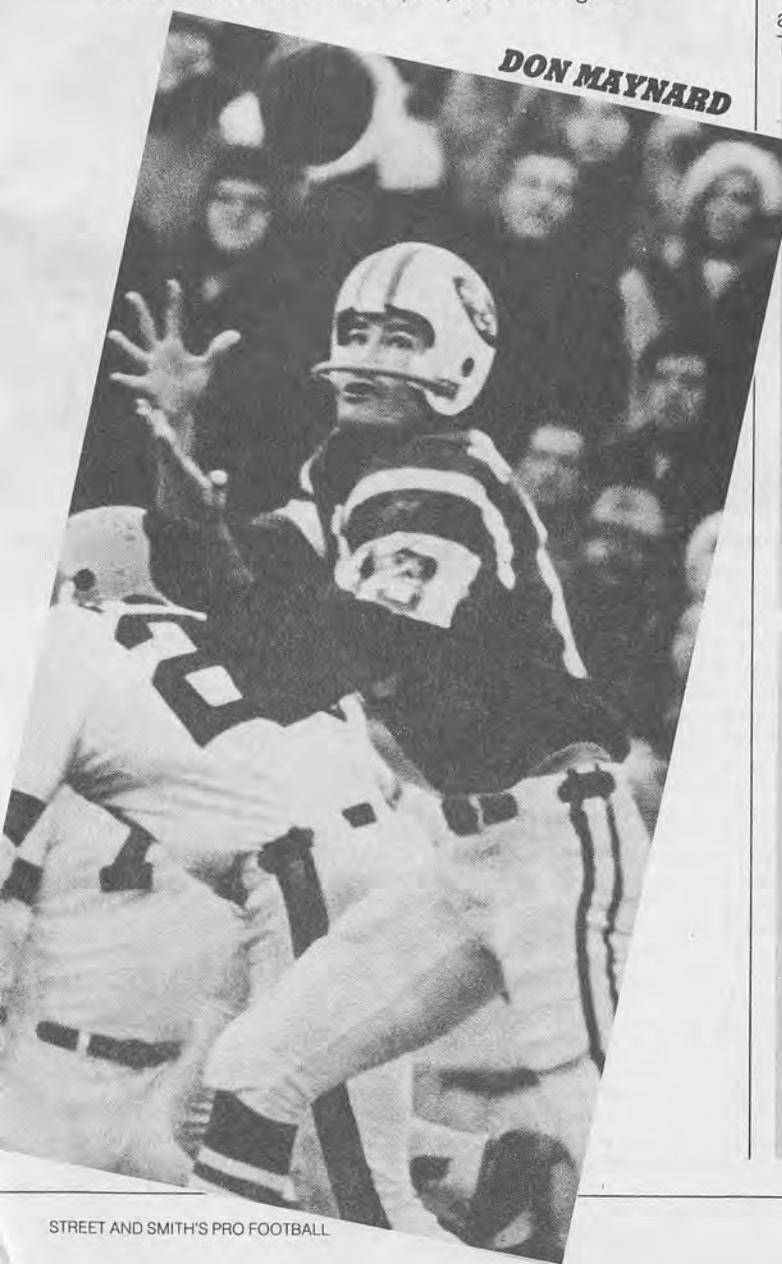
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came the fifth receiver to go over the 10,000-yard mark. Largent enters the 1986 season with a consecutive-game reception streak of 123, just four short of the record set by Carmichael in 1980 with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Ozzie Newsome of the Cleveland Browns caught 62 passes a year ago and advanced all the way to the No. 13 ranking. With 502 receptions in eight seasons, Newsome is tops among all tight ends. Right behind him is Cliff Branch of the Los Angeles Raiders. Injuries curtailed his play in 1985, when he failed to add to his 501 catches.

Within reach of the Top 20 in 1986 and of 500 receptions are Nat Moore (467) of the Miami Dolphins, James Lofton (466) of the Green Bay Packers, Pat Tilley (465) of the St. Louis Cardinals, John Stallworth (462) of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Wes Chandler (460) of the Chargers.

DON MAYNARD



Jan Stenerud converted 41 of 43 extra-point attempts and 15 of 26 field goals for 86 points with the Minnesota Vikings in his nineteenth and final season in pro football. He retires with 1,699 points, a distant second to George Blanda's 26-year total of 2,002.

Mark Moseley of the Washington Redskins raised his career scoring to 1,321 after 31 PATs and 22 FGs in his fifteenth season. He remains in the No. 7 position. With 45 points, Moseley will pass Fred Cox; with 60, he will displace Jim Bakken in the No. 5 spot.

Ray Wersching of the San Francisco 49ers and Pat Leahy of the New York Jets each advanced four places a year ago: Wersching (with 91 points) to No. 14 and Leahy (with 121) to No. 16.

Rafael Septien added 99 points for the Dallas Cowboys and Chris Bahr 100 for the Los Angeles Raiders to crack the Top 20 last year.

LEADING RECEIVERS

rank	player	yrs.	no.	yds.	avg.	td.
1	CHARLIE JOINER	17	716	11,706	16.3	63
2	Charley Taylor	13	649	9110	14.0	79
3	Don Maynard	15	633	11,834	18.7	88
4	Raymond Berry	13	631	9275	14.7	68
5	STEVE LARGENT	10	624	10,059	16.1	78
6	Harold Carmichael	14	590	8985	15.2	79
7	Fred Biletnikoff	14	589	8974	15.2	76
8	Harold Jackson	16	579	10,372	17.9	76
9	Lionel Taylor	10	567	7195	12.7	45
10	Lance Alworth	11	542	10,266	18.9	85
11	Bobby Mitchell	11	521	7954	15.3	65
12	Billy Howton	12	503	8459	16.8	61
13	OZZIE NEWSOME	8	502	6281	12.5	39
14	CLIFF BRANCH	12	501	8685	17.3	67
15T	Tommy McDonald	12	495	8410	17.0	84
15T	Ahmad Rashad	10	495	6831	13.8	44
17	Drew Pearson	11	489	7822	16.0	48
18	Don Hutson	11	488	7991	16.4	99
19	Jackie Smith	16	480	7918	16.5	40
20	Art Powell	10	479	8046	16.8	81

LEADING SCORERS

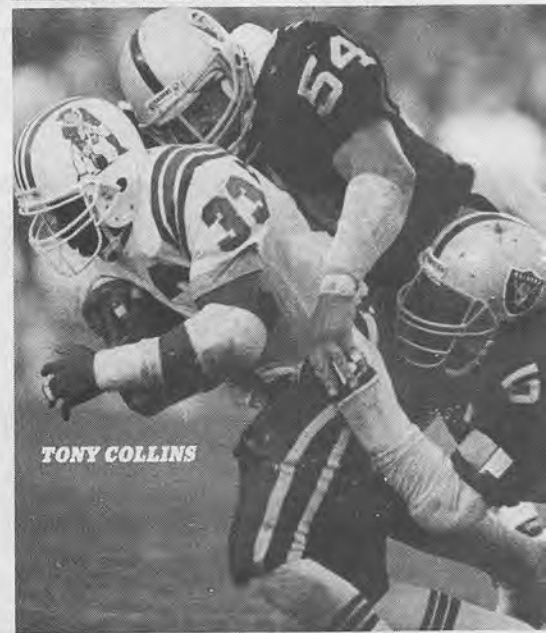
rank	player	yrs.	td.	pat.	fg.	pts.
1	George Blanda	26	9	943	335	2002
2	JAN STENERUD	19	0	580	373	1699
3	Lou Groza	21	1	810	264	1608
4	Jim Turner	16	1	521	304	1439
5	Jim Bakken	17	0	534	282	1380
6	Fred Cox	15	0	519	282	1365
7	MARK MOSELEY	15	0	457	288	1321
8	Gino Cappeletti	11	42	350	176	1130
9	Don Cockroft	13	0	432	216	1080
10	Garo Yepremian	14	0	444	210	1074
11	Bruce Gossett	11	0	374	219	1031
12	Sam Baker	15	2	428	179	977
13	Lou Michaels	13	1	386	187	955
14	RAY WERSCHING	13	0	371	184	923
15	Roy Gerela	11	0	351	184	903
16	PAT LEAHY	12	0	349	184	901
17	Bobby Walston	12	46	365	80	881
18	RAFAEL SEPTIEN	9	0	377	165	872
19	Pete Gogolak	10	0	344	173	863
20	CHRIS BAHR	10	0	361	166	859



CRAIG JAMES



JOHN HANNAH



TONY COLLINS

PATRIOTS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Franklin, 112 points on 40 extra points and 24 field goals... 5th
RUSHING—James, 1,227 yards on 263 carries, 4.7 avg., 5 TDs... 3rd
PASSING—Eason, 168 of 299 attempts for 2,156 yards and 11 TDs... 11th
RECEIVING—Collins, 52 receptions for 549 yards, 10.6 avg., 2 TDs... 20th
INTERCEPTIONS—Marion, 7 for 189 yards, 27.0 avg., 3rd
PUNTING—Camarillo, 92 punts, 43.0 avg., longest 66 yards... 13th
PUNT RETURNS—Fryar, 37 for 520 yards, 14.1 avg., 2 TDs... 1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—Starring, 48 for 1,012 yards, 21.1 avg... 11th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 2 St. Louis
 (Hall of Fame Game at Canton, Ohio)
 10 WASHINGTON (N)
 16 At New Orleans (N)
 22 At Los Angeles Raiders (N)
 30 At Green Bay (N)

1986 SCHEDULE 1985 SCORES

September	7	INDIANAPOLIS	34-15
	11	At New York Jets (N)	13-16
	21	SEATTLE	20-13
	28	At Denver	—
October	5	MIAMI	17-13
	12	NEW YORK JETS	20-13
	19	At Pittsburgh	—
	26	At Buffalo	17-14
November	2	ATLANTA	—
	9	At Indianapolis	38-31
	16	At Los Angeles Rams	—
	23	BUFFALO	14-3
	30	At New Orleans	—
December	7	CINCINNATI	34-23
	14	SAN FRANCISCO	—
	22	At Miami (N)	27-30

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

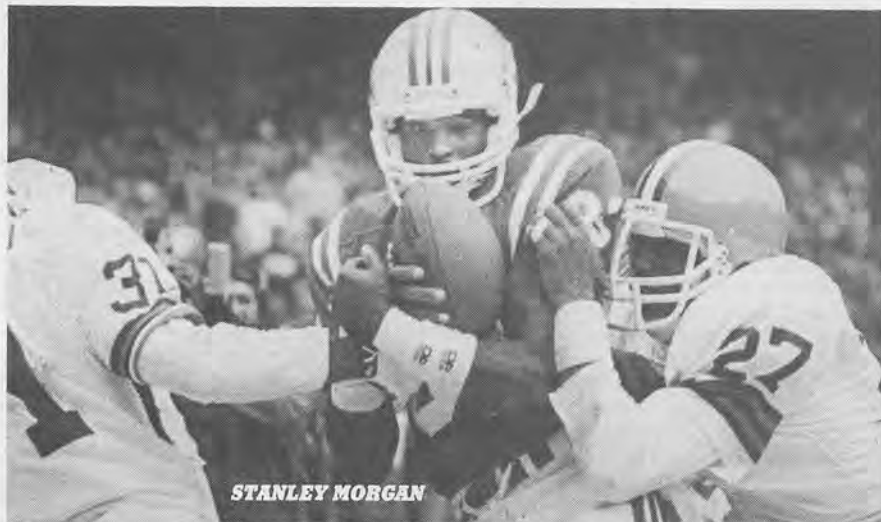
It's not easy to fit good players on the New England roster, there are so many of them there already. When one talks about balance in pro football, the Patriots must be part of the conversation. They do something that is becoming increasingly difficult to do in pro football—win on the road. That's how they got to the last Super Bowl. The Pats seem as if they are a team with everything.

But when you mention the word "chemistry" you get an ambivalent answer concerning the Pats. Last season, after so many years of talent in search of the right leader, the Pats struck the right chemistry with an unlikely head coach, Raymond Berry. But the day after the Super Bowl there were headlines about another sort of chemistry—a drug scandal involving the Patriots. Other teams have survived drug scandals, but it's difficult to imagine something like this being handled more clumsily than it was by the Pats' front office and by Berry himself. There was a feeling of betrayal among the players, a loss of something important and fragile between them and Berry. The question of how far the Pats can go in '86 depends greatly on how well this rift has been healed.

As far as genuine football goes, forget the embarrassment the Pats suffered in the Super Bowl. This is a team with virtually everything. It just lacked the necessary stuff to combat the Chicago Bears, not exactly an exclusive weakness in 1985.

Start with New England's running game. The Los Angeles Raiders hadn't allowed a back to run for 100 yards against them all season—and eight other 1,000-yard rushers had tried it—when they played the Patriots in a playoff game in the Coliseum. The Pats cut the Raider inside defense to ribbons in a 156-yard rushing day. Craig James accounted for 104 of those on 23 carries. Robert Weathers broke open New England's upset victory over Miami in the Orange Bowl, putting his team in the Super Bowl. Tony Collins was a Pro Bowl back before James arrived, and Mose Tatupu remains one of the league's ranking short-yardage specialists.

Together, the runners finished sixth in the NFL in running the ball behind one of the league's most accomplished lines. Tackle Brian Holloway, guard John Hannah, and center Pete Brock are all Pro Bowl linemen, despite what happened to them last Super Sunday. There is concern about Hannah, though,



whom some consider the finest offensive line-man ever to play the game. He underwent rotator cuff surgery last spring and vowed to become a "finesse blocker" in order to prolong his career. He has been in the NFL since 1973. Guard Ron Wooten and tackle Steve Moore, on the right side of the line, are solid. The reserve most-watched this season will be

Trevor Matich, last year's first-round draftee who was a disappointment as a rookie.

Berry's most tangible problem with this team will be to arrive at a stable solution at quarterback. In the few plays in which the Patriots seemed to be competitive in the Super Bowl, quarterback Tony Eason looked like Little Boy Lost. Whether Eason can recover from the trauma, especially playing in Sullivan Stadium where he is not popular, is a nagging question. There should be no question about his passing arm. He had a 12-for-16 day against the New York Jets in the wild-card game, and did well in all the postseason games except the fateful match against the Bears. But all through the playoffs, Berry had Eason tightly under control. He allowed him to throw downfield only on rare occasions. The coach seemed to understand the fragile condition of the quarterback's psyche. Whether it can be repaired in the wake of the Super Bowl is another interesting question.

Lurking in the background is Steve Grogan. When Eason suffered a separated shoulder early in the season—to the cheers of his detractors in his home stadium—Grogan came on to rally the Pats to 10 victories. Eason didn't get back into the lineup until Grogan was hurt. Grogan's was not a simple injury. He suffered a broken leg and a torn ligament in his knee. His medical dossier now lists four surgeries on his knee. Grogan, however, is a charismatic leader. Berry admits, "When Steve calls the plays we are more daring and imaginative than when I call them."

When the Pats want to go deep they have the receivers. Stanley Morgan can still fly. He caught 39 passes for a 19.3-yard average. Irving Fryar averaged 17.2 yards on his 37 catches. When they want to play it safe, Collins is the back they usually choose. He caught 52 for a 10.6-yard average. The tight ends, Lin Dawson and Derrick Ramsey, are basically role players.

Defensively, the Pats are well-balanced. They finished in the top 10 in every major category. More important, they are opportunistic, having led the league in takeaways, with 23 interceptions and 24 fumble recoveries.

The catalyst for the defense is linebacker Andre Tippett, probably the best blitz in the conference. The Pats led the AFC in sacks, with 51, and Tippett was usually part of it or helped cause the sack by tying up blockers. He and Don Blackmon are a load at outside

linebacker. Garin Veris, who had to start at end after Ken Sims was injured, led NFL rookies with 10 sacks, many of them opportunities created by Tippett. Fred Marion, one of the NFL's more underrated players, intercepted seven passes at free safety. Raymond Clayborn had an all-star season at cornerback and Roland James is a steady strong safety.

The Patriots had their usual interesting draft, headed by another top runner, Reggie Dupard of SMU, who ranks behind only Earl Campbell and Eric Dickerson in all-time Southwest Conference ground gaining. Boston College hero Mike Ruth could win the starting nose-tackle job and Vencie Glenn of Indiana State tightens the secondary.

PATRIOTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
55	Blackmon, Don	LB	6-3	235	28	6	Tulsa
28	Bowman, Jim	S	6-2	210	22	2	Cent. Michigan
58	Brock, Pete	C	6-5	275	32	11	Colorado
3	Canarillo, Rich	P	5-11	185	27	6	Washington
26	Clayborn, Raymond	CB	6-0	186	31	10	Texas
33	Collins, Tony	HB	5-11	212	27	6	East Carolina
92	Creswell, Smiley	DE	6-4	251	24	2	Michigan St.
87	Dawson, Lin	TE	6-3	240	27	6	N.C. St.
11	Eason, Tony	QB	6-4	212	27	4	Illinois
66	Fairchild, Paul	G	6-4	270	24	3	Kansas
1	Franklin, Tony	K	5-8	182	32	8	Texas A & M
80	Fryar, Irving	WR	6-0	200	24	3	Nebraska
43	Gibson, Ernest	CB	5-10	185	24	3	Furman
14	Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	210	33	12	Kansas St.
68	Haley, Darryl	T	6-4	265	25	4	Utah
73	Hannah, John	G	6-3	265	35	14	Alabama
27	Hawthorne, Greg	WR	6-2	225	30	8	Baylor
76	Holloway, Brian	T	6-7	288	27	6	Stanford
51	Ingram, Brian	LB	6-4	235	27	5	Tennessee
32	James, Craig	FB	6-0	215	25	3	SMU
38	James, Roland	SS	6-2	191	28	7	Tennessee
83	Jones, Cedric	WR	6-1	184	26	5	Duke
36	Jordan, Eric	RB	6-0	190	25	1	Purdue
42	Lippett, Ronnie	CB	5-11	180	26	4	Miami
31	Marion, Fred	FS	6-2	191	27	5	Miami
64	Matich, Trevor	C	6-4	270	24	2	Brigham Young
50	McGrew, Larry	LB	6-5	233	29	6	Southern Cal.
23	McSwain, Rod	CB	6-1	198	24	3	Clemson
67	Moore, Steve	OL	6-4	285	26	4	Tenn. St.
86	Morgan, Stanley	WR	5-11	181	31	10	Tennessee
75	Morris, Guy	OL	6-4	255	36	14	TCU
57	Nelson, Steve	LB	6-2	230	35	13	North Dakota St.
98	Owens, Dennis	NT	6-1	258	26	5	N.C. St.
18	Phelan, Gerard	WR	6-0	190	23	1	Boston College
70	Plunkett, Art	T	6-7	260	27	6	UNLV
88	Ramsey, Derrick	TE	6-5	235	30	9	Kentucky
12	Ramsey, Tom	QB	6-1	189	24	2	UCLA
52	Rembert, Johnny	LB	6-3	234	25	4	Clemson
95	Reynolds, Ed	LB	6-5	230	25	4	Virginia
41	Robinson, Bo	TE/FB	6-2	225	31	7	West Texas St.
77	Sims, Kenneth	DE	6-5	271	27	5	Texas
81	Starning, Stephen	WR	5-10	172	25	4	McNeese State
30	Talup, Mosi	FB	6-0	227	31	9	Southern Cal.
99	Thomas, Ben	DE	6-4	280	25	2	Auburn
56	Tippett, Andre	LB	6-3	241	26	5	Iowa
74	Toth, Tom	T	6-5	275	24	1	W. Michigan
60	Veris, Garin	DE	6-4	255	23	2	Stanford
24	Weathers, Robert	RB	6-2	222	24	5	Arizona St.
53	Weishuhn, Clayton	LB	6-1	218	27	3	Angelo St.
82	Williams, Derwin	WR	6-0	170	24	2	New Mexico
54	Williams, Ed	LB	6-4	244	24	3	Texas
44	Williams, Jon	RB	5-9	190	24	2	Penn State
72	Williams, Lester	NT	6-3	272	27	5	Miami
90	Williams, Toby	DE	6-3	254	26	4	Nebraska
61	Woolen, Ron	G	6-3	273	27	5	North Carolina

DRAFTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Dupard, Reggie	RB	5-11	198	SMU
2	Ruth, Mike	NT	6-2	249	Boston College
2	Glenn, Vencie	DB	6-0	179	Indiana St.
4	Gieselmann, Scott	TE	6-5	240	Boston College
5	Robinson, Greg	OT	6-5	286	Sacramento St.
7	McDonald, Ray	WR	5-11	181	Florida
7	Williams, Brent	DT	6-4	278	Toledo
8	Baty, Greg	TE	6-5	241	Stanford
9	Colton, George	OG	6-4	279	Maryland
10	Jones, Cletis	RB	5-11	217	Florida St.
11	Thomas, Gene	WR	5-11	160	Pacific
12	McAulay, Donald	K	5-10	198	Syracuse

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

The Indianapolis Colts are starting to take on their own personality now. Indy is no longer looked upon by most football people as the place the moving vans pulled into after they hijacked the Colts' soul out of Baltimore. There are die-hards. Raymond Berry, the Patriots' coach, says, "They should return the records, the uniforms, the helmets, and the name Colts to Baltimore, where they belong." But there is no question that this is an Indianapolis team.

Now Rod Dowhower, the second-year head coach, would like to see it take on his personality. That is, more pass-oriented. Dowhower began to bring that about when he traded with Dallas for quarterback Gary Hogeboom and then selected Jack Trudeau of Illinois in the second round of the draft.

Hogeboom was the odd man out with the Cowboys, who decided the aging Danny White was the road they would choose. There are people in the Dallas organization who think Hogeboom will be a winner in Indy; others who think he'll never be a winner wherever he goes. Obviously, Dowhower hedged his bet by taking Trudeau in the second round. Even before the draft, Dowhower insisted that Trudeau should be mentioned with two other Big Ten players, Chuck Long of Iowa and Jim

Everett of Purdue, as the top quarterback prospects in the draft.

"Everyone seems to focus on his senior year," pointed out Dowhower, "when he wasn't as productive as he was in his junior season. But remember that [Miami quarterback] Dan Marino was downgraded because of his statistics as a senior."

Dowhower is a man to be listened to when it comes to quarterbacks. He developed Neil Lomax at St. Louis and he has had a history of success with quarterbacks ever since he began coaching. At San Diego State under Don Coryell he honed such passers as Don Horn, Brian Sipe, and Dennis Shaw.

Mike White, the Illinois coach, also knows something about quarterbacks and he says, "Trudeau is better prepared coming out of college than Tony Eason or Dave Wilson."

One of the knocks on Trudeau is that he doesn't throw the long ball very well. "We just didn't throw deep last year at Illinois," he says, defending himself. "But I've done it before. It never has been a problem of mine."

Finding a quarterback is just the start to building a passing attack to Dowhower's standards. The Colts' corps of receivers consists mostly of strangers. "The receivers will have to come forward and show consistency," ad-

mits the coach. "That will be the key to our passing game."

The only veteran with even a touch of consistency in his pro background is Matt Bouza, who caught just 27 passes for a 14.1-yard average. More interesting is Steeler reject Wayne Capers, whose four touchdown catches averaged 53.3 yards. Trying to crash this undistinguished group is fourth-round draftee Billy Brooks, who set Boston University records with 228 catches, more than 3,500 yards, and 32 touchdowns against lower-caliber opposition. The tight end, Pat Beach, is like a third tackle.

For a while, at least, the Colts might be satisfied if the passing game improved enough just to keep opposing defenses from overplaying the running attack. Running has been Indy's staple. Its 5-yard per-carry average was the best in the NFL. The Colts finished fifth overall in running. Fullback Randy McMillan is among the premier power runners in the league. He ran for 858 yards, seven touchdowns, and a 4.5 average. George Wonsley

GARY HOGEBOOM

COLTS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Allegre 84 points on 36 extra points and 16 field goals . . . T 12th
RUSHING—McMillan, 858 yards on 190 carries, 4.5 avg. 7 TDs . . . 10th
PASSING—Pagel, 199 of 393 attempts for 2,414 yards and 14 TDs . . . 12th
RECEIVING—Beach, 36 receptions for 376 yards, 10.4 avg. 6 TDs . . . 42nd
INTERCEPTIONS—Daniel, 8 for 53 yards, 6.6 avg. . . 2nd
PUNTING—Stark, 78 punts for 45.9 avg., longest 68 yards . . . 1st
PUNT RETURNS—Martin, 40 for 443 yards, 11.1 avg., 1 TD . . . 4th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Bentley 27 for 674 yards 25.0 avg. . . 2nd

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 8 At Seattle (N)
16 At Chicago (N)
23 DETROIT (N)
30 MINNESOTA (N)

1986 SCHEDULE

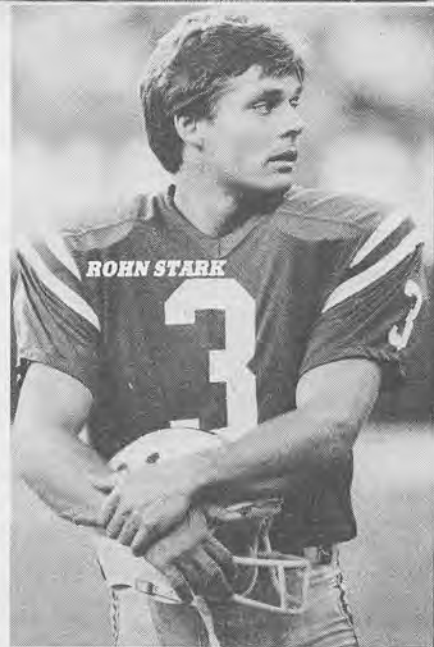
		1985 SCORES
September	7 At New England	15-34
	14 At Miami	15-30
	21 LOS ANGELES RAMS	—
	28 NEW YORK JETS	17-35
October	5 At San Francisco	—
	12 NEW ORLEANS	—
	1919 At Buffalo	9-21
	26 MIAMI	20-34
November	2 CLEVELAND	—
	9 NEW ENGLAND	31-38
	16 At New York Jets	20-25
	23 At Houston	34-16
	30 SAN DIEGO	—
December	7 At Atlanta	—
	14 BUFFALO	49-17
	21 At Los Angeles Raiders	—



DUANE BICKETT



JACK TRUDEAU



ROHN STARK

developed into a capable counter weapon for McMillan, gaining 716 yards for a 5.2 average. The Colts also got some mileage out of Seattle discard Owen Gill and USFL expatriate Albert Bentley, whose 25-yard kickoff-return average was the second-best in the AFC.

Chris Hinton's switch from guard to tackle has not diminished any of his effectiveness. He made the Pro Bowl at his second position. There is another developing star in the offensive line in right guard Ron Solt. Ray Donaldson has started 73 consecutive games at center and left guard Ben Utt has started 31 of the last 32 games. Karl Baldischwiler had a sound year at right tackle after sitting out the 1984 season with an injury.

Defensively, the Colts made an important move by making Alabama's star end Jon Hand their first selection in the draft. Hand (6-6, 283) has the potential to become a great pass rusher, something the Colts need. "He's an immediate impact player," says Dowhower. John Marshall, the team's new defensive line coach, says, "Hand is not totally developed. I look for him to weigh 290 or 300 pounds. That's a load with the leverage he has from his long arms." Donnell Thompson, the other end, is the only player on the line with a reputation. Nose tackle Brad White and end Chris Scott got the chance to start when the

careers of Leo Wisniewski and Blaise Winter were threatened by injuries.

Linebacking is the most stable defensive area, with Cliff Odom, Barry Krauss, Johnnie Cooks, and Duane Bickett starting all 16 games. Odom caused four fumbles and led the team with 192 tackles. Bickett was a popular choice on all-rookie teams.

The secondary also is closing in on respectability. Corner Eugene Daniel, a big-play guy, strong safety Nesby Glasgow and corner Preston Davis started all 16 games. Free safety Anthony Young missed four starts due to injury, but he made several all-rookie teams.

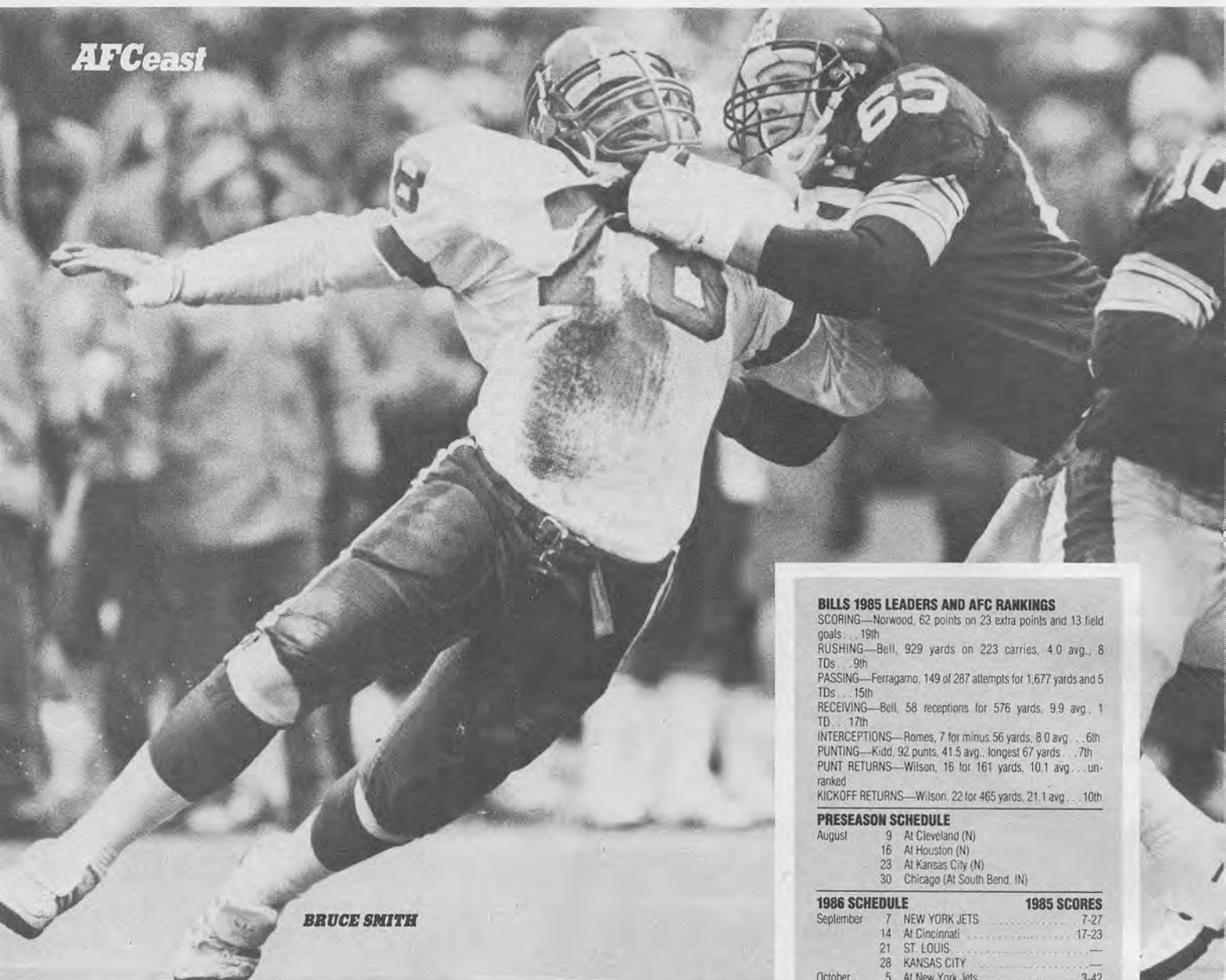
Rohn Stark is a legitimate thunder foot, with a Colt-record 45.9-yard punting average, but he needs to acquire some finesse. Place-kicker Raul Allegre, 16-for-26 in field goals, will get some challenges.

COLTS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
57	Ahrens, Dave	LB	6-3	245	28	6	Wisconsin
2	Allegre, Raul	K	5-10	167	27	4	Texas
36	Anderson, Don	CB	5-10	197	23	2	Purdue
61	Bailey, Don	C	6-4	268	25	3	Miami
72	Baldischwiler, Karl	RT	6-5	276	30	8	Oklahoma
	Barnes, Roosevelt	LB	6-2	228	27	5	Purdue
81	Beach, Pat	TE	6-4	244	27	4	Washington St.
97	Benson, Charles	DE	6-3	267	26	4	Baylor
20	Bentley, Albert	RB	5-11	215	26	2	Miami
50	Bickett, Duane	LB	6-5	244	24	2	Southern Cal
85	Bouza, Matt	WR	6-3	215	27	5	California
84	Boyer, Mark	TE	6-4	232	24	2	Southern Cal
68	Broughton, Willie	DE	6-5	282	22	2	Miami
71	Call, Kevin	OT	6-7	288	25	3	Colorado St.
87	Capers, Wayne	WR	6-2	203	25	4	Kansas
67	Caron, Roger	OT	6-5	292	24	2	Harvard
31	Coleman, Leonard	S	6-2	211	24	2	Vanderbilt
98	Cooks, Johnnie	LB	6-4	243	28	5	Mississippi St.
38	Daniel, Eugene	CB	5-11	184	25	3	LSU
27	Davis, Preston	CB	5-11	180	24	3	Baylor
53	Donaldson, Ray	C	6-4	281	28	7	Georgia
44	Gill, Owen	FB	6-1	230	24	2	Iowa
25	Glasgow, Nesby	FS	5-10	191	29	8	Washington
26	Harbour, James	WR	6-0	192	24	1	Mississippi
75	Hinton, Chris	OT	6-4	285	25	4	Northwestern
	Hogeboom, Gary	QB	6-4	200	27	6	Cent. Michigan
56	Hunley, LaMonte	LB	6-2	238	23	2	Arizona
63	Kirchner, Mark	OT	6-3	265	27	3	Baylor
12	Kotler, Matt	QB	6-3	203	27	5	San Diego St.
55	Krauss, Barry	LB	6-3	253	29	8	Alabama
42	Lee, Keith	DB	5-11	200	29	6	Colorado St.
59	Lowry, Orlando	LB	6-4	238	25	2	Ohio State
88	Martin, Robbie	WR	5-8	187	28	6	Cal Poly-SLO
49	McGregor, Keli	TE	6-6	253	23	2	Colorado St.
32	McMillan, Randy	FB	6-0	220	28	6	Pittsburgh
80	Nichols, Ricky	WR	5-10	176	24	2	East Carolina
93	Odom, Cliff	LB	6-2	241	28	6	Texas-Arlington
18	Paget, Mike	QB	6-2	211	26	5	Arizona St.
35	Randle, Tate	DB	6-0	204	27	5	Texas Tech
95	Scott, Chris	DE	6-5	271	25	3	Purdue
83	Shenwin, Tim	TE	6-6	246	28	6	Boston College
91	Smith, Byron	DE	6-5	271	24	3	California
66	Solt, Ron	OG	6-3	283	24	3	Maryland
3	Stark, Rohn	P	6-3	212	27	5	Florida St.
99	Thompson, Donnell	DE	6-5	269	28	6	N. Carolina
64	Utt, Ben	OG	6-5	281	27	5	Georgia Tech
92	White, Brad	DT	6-2	261	28	6	Tennessee
86	Williams, Oliver	WR	6-3	192	26	2	Illinois
96	Winter, Blaise	DE	6-3	274	24	2	Syracuse
69	Wisniewski, Leo	NT	6-1	259	27	4	Penn State
34	Wonsley, George	RB	6-0	221	26	3	Mississippi St.
37	Young, Anthony	SS	5-11	196	23	2	Temple

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Hand, Jon	DE	6-6	283	Alabama
2	Trudeau, Jack	QB	6-3	211	Illinois
4	Brooks, Bill	WR	6-0	187	Boston U.
5	Kellar, Scott	DE	6-3	260	Northern Illinois
5	Walker, Gary	C	6-3	269	Boston U.
7	O'Malley, Steve	DL	6-2	257	Northern Illinois
7	White, Chris	K	5-11	168	Illinois
7	Sims, Tommy	DB	6-0	190	Tennessee
8	Hooper, Trell	DB	5-11	190	Memphis St.
9	Brotzki, Bob	OT	6-4	266	Syracuse
10	Anderson, Pete	C	6-3	254	Georgia
12	Wade, Steve	DT	6-3	270	Vanderbilt
12	Williams, Isaac	DL	6-1	260	Florida St.



BRUCE SMITH

BUFFALO BILLS

The Bills enter the areas of catastrophe almost by habit. Last December, in their 16th game of another harrowing season, they committed 19 penalties in a 28-0 loss at Miami. Teams playing their first preseason game are not even assessed 19 penalties.

"I wish we were playing again this weekend," said Hank Bullough, the Bills' coach. Bullough is what you have to be if you're going to coach the Bills: an optimist. The team has suffered through consecutive 2-14 seasons. Since the end of October, 1983, the Bills are 6-33. They can't even get it right at the rehearsals. In the last two exhibition seasons they are 1-6-1. Is there any hope for improvement in this sad bunch? Consider some of the their 1985 numbers:

- Most penalties (132)
- Worst takeaway-giveaway record in the league (minus 17, almost twice as bad as the next worst team)
- Fewest quarterback sacks in the NFL (25, which was 25 percent fewer than the next

worst team and 21 under the NFL average)

- 26th in defense vs. the run
- 24th in rushing

Obviously, Bullough has to commit to the young players the team drafted or obtained in the last three years.

The offensive line may be completely rebuilt. There are nine young offensive linemen, including first-round draft choice Will Wolford of Vanderbilt. Three veteran starters, center Will Grant and tackles Ken Jones and Joe Devlin, may be pushed right off the roster. The safest incumbents are guards Jim Ritcher and Tim Vogler, although Vogler may be moved back to center, his college position. Offensive coordinator Jim Ringo was relieved of his pass-offense duties, so his principal job will be to reorder the line.

That may be easier than finding a quarterback. The Bills will begin with Bruce Mathison, even though he is a decided long shot. Mathison was a bench-warmer with the San Diego Chargers, a second-stringer at Nebraska, and

BILLS 1985 LEADERS AND AFC RANKINGS

SCORING—Norwood, 62 points on 23 extra points and 13 field goals . . . 19th
 RUSHING—Bell, 929 yards on 223 carries, 4.0 avg., 8 TDs . . . 9th
 PASSING—Ferragamo, 149 of 287 attempts for 1,677 yards and 5 TDs . . . 15th
 RECEIVING—Bell, 58 receptions for 576 yards, 9.9 avg., 1 TD . . . 17th
 INTERCEPTIONS—Romes, 7 for minus 56 yards, 8.0 avg. . . 6th
 PUNTING—Kidd, 92 punts, 41.5 avg., longest 67 yards . . . 7th
 PUNT RETURNS—Wilson, 16 for 161 yards, 10.1 avg. . . un-ranked
 KICKOFF RETURNS—Wilson, 22 for 465 yards, 21.1 avg. . . 10th

PRESEASON SCHEDULE

August 9 At Cleveland (N)
 16 At Houston (N)
 23 At Kansas City (N)
 30 Chicago (At South Bend, IN)

1986 SCHEDULE

		1985 SCORES
September	7 NEW YORK JETS	7-27
	14 At Cincinnati	17-23
	21 ST. LOUIS	—
	28 KANSAS CITY	—
October	5 At New York Jets	3-42
	12 At Miami	0-28
	19 INDIANAPOLIS	21-9
	26 NEW ENGLAND	14-17
November	2 At Tampa Bay	—
	9 PITTSBURGH	24-30
	16 MIAMI	14-23
	23 At New England	3-14
	30 At Kansas City	—
December	7 CLEVELAND	7-17
	14 At Indianapolis	17-49
	21 At Houston	20-0

not even something special in high school. He threw for four touchdowns and 14 interceptions after winning the job by default when Vince Ferragamo virtually forfeited it at mid-season. The only alternative is Frank Reich, a third-round draft choice last year. He held out into training camp and got to throw only one pass, a 19-yard completion. It was enough to give the Buffalo fans hope. The Bills' real hope was that the NFL would win the antitrust suit brought against it by the USFL, thereby making quarterback Jim Kelly available to them.

If they ever do get quality quarterbacking, the Bills have the receiving to make the most of it. Andre Reed was a spectacular rookie a

year ago, catching 48 passes and scoring five touchdowns. Jerry Butler made a miracle comeback after missing all of the 1984 season due to a career-threatening knee injury. He caught 41 passes for an 18.8-yard average. Chris Burkett, another high draft choice last year, came on late in the season. Mitchell Brookins is among the fastest men in the NFL. The tight end is played by veterans Eason Ramson and Pete Metzelaars.

For a team so low in the run-offense standings, the Bills boast three first-rate backs. Unfortunately, all of them (Greg Bell, Joe Cribbs, and No. 1 draftee Ronnie Harmon of Iowa) play the same position, halfback. Why did the

Bills pick Harmon when they had Bell and Cribbs? It's a mystery. Bell ran for 883 yards and caught 58 passes for 576 yards, scoring nine touchdowns. He is a quality back.

Defensively, Buffalo made a start toward improvement last year with the selection of Bruce Smith on the first pick of the draft. Smith had some bumpy portions of a rookie season, but in effect he WAS Buffalo's pass rush. He had 5½ sacks and was credited with 25 pressures, which Bullough says he ranks in importance with sacks. Nose tackle Fred Smerlas and end Ben Williams, two guys who once played in the Pro Bowl, had ½ and 1½ sacks, respectively. Smerlas is far from the player he was before he got his \$500,000-a-year contract. He was taken out on passing downs in favor of ex-Falcon Don Smith last year.

Bullough emphasizes the experience in the linebacking corps, but he doesn't say much about quality. Inside man Eugene Marve is someone Bullough can rebuild around. Veteran Jim Haslett is steady and tough as Marve's partner. Bullough and the new defensive coordinator, Herb Pattera, may have to play James Seawright, who missed his rookie season due to injury, and ex-Cowboy Anthony Dickerson in order to put some more pressure on the passer. Guy Frazier and Lucius Sanford are the incumbent outside linebackers.

Cornerback Charles Rome, who has had his ups and downs, had an up season in '85, intercepting seven passes. The Bills hope he can put together another productive effort at age 31, since they are thin in the secondary. The other corner was played by young Derrick Burroughs, a first-round draftee a year ago. Burroughs sprained an ankle in training camp and played hurt most of the season, but gave promise of becoming a skilled cover man. Strong safety Steve Freeman is 33 and doesn't move as he once did. Free safety Martin Bayliss is still learning the position. No defensive back was drafted.

One area which showed improvement last season was the special teams. Punter John Kidd dropped 33 kicks inside opponents' 20-yard line. His average was 41.5. Place-kicker Scott Norwood made his first 11 field goals, then finished 13-for-17.



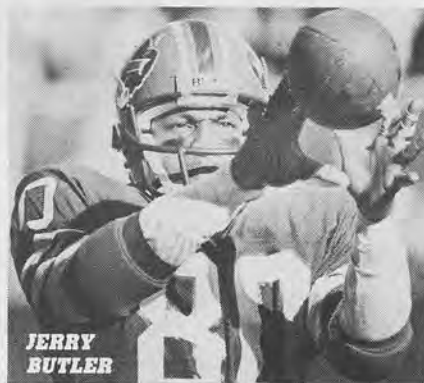
BRUCE MATHISON



EUGENE MARVE



RONNIE HARMON



JERRY BUTLER

BILLS VETERAN ROSTER

no.	name	pos	ht	wt	age	NFL exp	college
64	Babiar, Chris	G	6-4	264	24	2	Illinois
43	Bayless, Martin	S	6-2	195	24	3	Bowling Green
28	Bell, Greg	RB	5-10	210	24	3	Notre Dame
36	Bellinger, Rodney	CB	5-8	189	24	3	Miami
61	Brookins, Mitchell	WR	5-11	196	26	3	Illinois
85	Burkett, Chris	WR	6-4	198	24	2	Jackson St.
29	Burroughs, Derrick	CB	6-1	180	24	2	Memphis St.
80	Butler, Jerry	WR	6-0	178	29	7	Clemson
69	Christy, Greg	G	6-4	279	24	2	Pittsburgh
20	Cribbs, Joe	RB	5-11	193	28	6	Auburn
63	Cross, Justin	T	6-6	263	27	5	Western St.
59	David, Stan	LB	6-3	210	24	2	Texas Tech
70	Devlin, Joe	T	6-5	267	32	10	Iowa
58	Dickerson, Anthony	LB	6-2	222	29	7	SMU
52	Frazier, Guy	LB	6-2	217	27	6	Wyoming
22	Freeman, Steve	S	5-11	185	33	12	Mississippi St.
99	Garner, Hal	LB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah St.
53	Grant, Will	C	6-3	264	32	9	Kentucky
75	Hamby, Mike	DT	6-4	253	24	2	Utah State
55	Haslett, Jim	LB	6-3	228	29	8	Indiana (PA)
71	Hellestrae, Dale	T	6-5	261	24	2	SMU
25	Hill, Rod	CB	6-0	188	27	4	Kentucky St.
30	Hulchison, Anthony	RB	5-10	186	25	4	Texas Tech
48	Johnson, Lawrence	CB	5-11	202	29	7	Wisconsin
72	Jones, Ken	T	6-5	279	34	11	Arkansas St.
3	Kidd, John	P	6-3	208	25	3	Northwestern
90	Maidlow, Steve	LB	6-2	238	26	4	Michigan St.
54	Marve, Eugene	LB	6-2	240	30	4	Saginaw Valley
7	Mathison, Bruce	QB	6-3	205	27	4	Nebraska
88	Metzelaars, Pete	TE	6-7	243	26	5	Wabash
95	McNanie, Sean	DE	6-5	265	25	3	San Diego St.
34	Moore, Booker	FB	5-11	222	27	5	Penn State
11	Norwood, Scott	K	6-0	205	26	2	James Madison
23	Perryman, Jim	S	6-0	175	26	2	Millikin
27	Pitts, Ron	CB	5-10	175	24	2	UCLA
79	Prater, Dean	DE	6-4	256	28	5	Oklahoma St.
87	Ramson, Eason	TE	6-2	234	30	8	Washington St.
83	Reed, Andre	WR	6-0	186	21	2	Kutztown
14	Reich, Frank	QB	6-3	208	25	2	Maryland
82	Richardson, Eric	WR	6-1	185	24	2	San Jose St.
40	Riddick, Robb	RB	6-0	195	29	4	Millersville
51	Ritcher, Jim	G	6-3	258	28	7	N.C. St.
26	Romes, Charles	CB	6-1	188	32	10	N.C. Central
57	Sanford, Lucius	LB	6-2	220	30	9	Georgia Tech
60	Seawright, James	LB	6-2	219	24	2	South Carolina
76	Smerlas, Fred	NT	6-3	268	29	8	Boston College
78	Smith, Bruce	DE	6-4	279	23	2	Virginia Tech
74	Smith, Don	NT	6-5	262	29	8	Miami
45	Steels, Anthony	RB	5-9	200	27	2	Nebraska
56	Talley, Darryl	LB	6-4	227	26	4	West Virginia
62	Traynowicz, Mark	G	6-5	272	24	2	Nebraska
65	Vogler, Tim	G	6-1	267	30	8	Ohio St.
77	Williams, Ben	DE	6-3	266	32	11	Mississippi
21	Wilson, Don	S	6-2	190	25	3	N.C. St.
50	Wilson, Eric	LB	6-1	247	24	2	Maryland

DRAFTTEES

rd	name	pos	ht	wt	college
1	Harmon, Ronnie	RB	5-11	185	Iowa
1	Wolford, Will	OT	6-4	274	Vanderbilt
3	Burton, Leonard	C	6-4	255	South Carolina
5	Byrum, Carl	RB	6-0	232	Miss. Valley St.
7	Pike, Mark	DL	6-4	257	Georgia Tech
7	Rolie, Bulch	TE	6-3	242	Michigan St.
7	Williams, Bob	TE	6-3	231	Penn State
8	Furjanic, Tony	LB	6-1	228	Notre Dame
9	Bynum, Reggie	WR	6-1	185	Oregon St.
10	Teatallier, Guy	NT	6-2	260	Illinois
11	Garalczyk, Tony	NT	6-4	279	Wake Forest
11	Witt, Billy	DE	6-5	258	N. Alabama
12	McClure, Brian	QB	6-6	230	Bowling Green
12	Christian, Derek	LB	6-2	231	West Virginia

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PREDICTIONS

WESTERN DIVISION

1. British Columbia Lions
2. Edmonton Eskimos
3. Winnipeg Blue Bombers
4. Saskatchewan Roughriders
5. Calgary Stampeders

EASTERN DIVISION

1. Toronto Argonauts
2. Hamilton Tiger-Cats
3. Montreal Alouettes
4. Ottawa Rough Riders

by **RICK MATSUMOTO** TORONTO STAR

It's been a hot winter on the football front here in the Great White North. And if the action on the field during the 1986 Canadian Football League can match the activity of the past, perhaps inappropriately named, "off"-season, fans can look forward to an immensely interesting six months.

Even with the return of a familiar old name, the Alouettes, to the scene, the CFL almost became an eight-team league. The anxiety began shortly before Christmas when a Calgary Stampeders executive revealed that the club was close to bankruptcy and only an immediate infusion of funds from interest-free loans from the city's corporate sector would save the franchise. When that drive to raise \$6 million fell short by more than \$2 million, the board of directors announced the sale of the franchise to private interests. The Stampeders, it seemed, would become the first privately owned team in the Western Division.



MERVYN FERNANDEZ
British Columbia

But that move was scuttled by the Calgary city council when it failed to approve a rent-free arrangement for McMahon Stadium which the prospective buyers had demanded. So it appeared that the Stampeders were living on borrowed time. Standout defensive back Richie Hall cried unabashedly as he sat in the last row of seats in the council chamber and listened to the politicians apparently wiping out his football career.

The decision of the council, however, seemed to jolt the city the next day like a gust of icy wind from the nearby Rocky Mountains. The board of directors decided to rescind its decision to sell the franchise and take one more stab at reviving the team under public ownership. This time Calgarians responded. The directors set a goal of 25,000 season tickets which had to be sold in a two-week period. The deadline came with the club just a couple of thousand subscribers shy of the target, and the decision was made to carry on.

No sooner had the Stampeders been rescued than word came out of neighboring Saskatchewan that the Roughriders were also in financial difficulties. While assuring fans that the club was not in as dire a predicament as the Stampeders had been in, club president Keith Critchley didn't mince any words in warning that the "76-year history of the Roughriders would come to an end" if fans didn't rally around the Green Machine. With season-ticket sales some 7,000 below last year's total of 17,893, Critchley stressed the need to sell 20,000 subscriptions and to average 26,000 fans per game to ensure the team's survival next season.

The Riders' problems stemmed from the same source as the Stampeders: a failure to win. The Riders, who made the western playoffs for 15 straight years from 1962 to 1976, have now failed to take part in postseason play for the past nine years. And with the prospects for rectifying that situation in 1986 slim at best, the fans were saying "enough." Unfortunately, it may be that old case of cutting off one's nose to spite one's face as far as Saskatchewan fans are concerned. "This is Saskatchewan's football team," said Critchley, "and the people of Saskatchewan will decide if it survives. It's that simple."

In Montreal, they've found that reviving a near-dead franchise is no simple matter. While attendance did improve in 1985 when the Concordes finally showed signs of being a competitive team, the franchise's losses were still in excess of \$1 million. The club's backers—Charles Bronfman (Seagram Distillery and the Montreal Expos) and Edmond Ricard (Imasco Ltd.)—allayed fears that they were

ready to pull the plug on the franchise. Not only did they commit themselves for an unspecified future, but they made a startling move by hiring away Edmonton Eskimo marmot Norm Kimball to become the club's new president and managing partner. Kimball, who has been generally credited with building the dynasty which copped five straight Grey Cups (1978-82), severed a 25-year association with the Eskimos to accept the Montreal challenge. The Montreal club also announced it was scrapping the Concordes name and reverting back to being the Alouettes. The rights to the Alouette moniker were tied up in legalities when the Als folded in a mishmash of bad management in 1982.

The Als aren't the only new "old" name back in the CFL spotlight in 1986. Leo Cahill, one of the most colorful and controversial figures in CFL history during two previous tenures as the Toronto Argonauts' head coach, rejoined the Scullers in a surprise move as their new general manager. President Ralph Sazio, who had handled the GM duties without holding the title, will restrict himself now more to league matters as the representative on the board of governors.

Also back in the CFL after a three-year absence is Hugh Campbell, who replaces Kimball as Edmonton's general manager. Campbell guided the Eskies to their five straight Cup victories as head coach before jumping to the USFL and the Los Angeles Express in 1983. He moved on to the Houston Oilers in 1984 as coach but was dismissed late last season.

Campbell was Calgary's first choice as its new coach, but he declined the post because of the club's unstable financial position. The Stampeders' field boss will be the former B.C. Lion and Winnipeg Blue Bomber assistant Bob Vespaziani, while in Montreal Gary Durchik begins his first full year as coach after taking over from Joe Galat late last season.

At least six of the CFL clubs along with commissioner Doug Mitchell have been attempting to add another "new look" to the league in the form of a revised playoff scheme. But they've met resistance from three of the four Eastern clubs and the plan was still on the conference table as training camp approached. The new playoff format would have the possibility of breaking the traditional East-West flavor of the Grey Cup game. Traditionalists like the Argos' Sazio and the Ottawa Rough Riders' Terry Kieley remain adamantly opposed to the new scheme, which calls for the top team in each division automatically to make the playoffs but the next four berths decided strictly on total points. This could produce an all-East or all-West Grey Cup.

The league did manage to break away from set ways in going to an 18-game schedule from 16. To do so, two of the four preseason games were dropped. But not even this positive move was carried out free of controversy. The CFL Players' Association expressed concern that players already under contract would not be compensated for the two extra league games. The CFL brass argued that contracts call for the players' service for a season and that the number of games in a season is not specified. The Players' Association also worried that with the number of preseason games cut in half, coaches would attempt to hold interteam scrimmages to test their players under more or less "live" conditions. It's a practice already used by some NFL clubs, but one that CFL players reject.

With the contract between the Players' Association and the league set to expire on the eve of training camp openings (May 17), the possibility of a players' strike hung over the league. If a strike happens, the CFL might not be able to withstand the heat, and a part of Canadian history and culture dating back more than a century could well be in danger.

western division

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS

(13-3) Toss out those years between 1978 and 1982, when the Edmonton Eskimos captured five straight Grey Cups, and you have to go way back to the 1968 and '69 seasons to find a CFL team that took home back-to-back championships. The Ottawa Rough Riders accomplished the feat those two years. So it might be safe to assume that history is against the Lions repeating as Grey Cup champions this season. But don't suggest that to Lions' head coach Don Matthews.

1985 CFL FINAL STANDINGS

WESTERN DIVISION	w	l	t	pts	off	def
British Columbia	13	3	0	26	481	297
Winnipeg	12	4	0	24	500	259
Edmonton	10	6	0	20	432	373
Saskatchewan	5	11	0	10	320	462
Calgary	3	13	0	6	256	429
EASTERN DIVISION						
Hamilton	8	8	0	16	377	315
Montreal	8	8	0	16	284	332
Ottawa	7	9	0	14	272	402
Toronto	6	10	0	12	344	397

Division Semifinals

Montreal 30 • Ottawa 20
Winnipeg 22 • Edmonton 15

Division Finals

Hamilton 50 • Montreal 26
British Columbia 42 • Winnipeg 22

Grey Cup

British Columbia 37 • Hamilton 24

"It's tough to win it every year, but winning it one year doesn't make it tougher to win it the next season," he said. Matthews has Grey Cup experience. He was an assistant coach with the Eskimos during their unprecedented five-year reign.

Matthews and general manager Bob Ackles have not sat back enjoying the laurels of last November's victory. In the offseason they made a dramatic move by shipping Nick Hebler, the hometown boy and former CFL all-star defensive end, to the Toronto Argonauts in a four-man swap. Accompanying Hebler east was veteran import cornerback Kerry Parker, who may have been the best at his position in the league in 1983. He jumped to the Kansas City Chiefs in '84, but was cut last year and returned to Vancouver. But he couldn't crack the Lions' secondary. Moving to Lotusland from Toronto were versatile Canadian slotback/running back Jan Carinci (Maryland) and import defensive end Walter Ballard (Texas-El Paso). Carinci will be given a shot at a slotback position. If he shows he can be a starter, Matthews will use him ahead of import Ron Robinson (Utah State). "That would give us another import to play with," said Matthews, who played one American short much of last season. John Pankratz is the other slotback.

Mervyn Fernandez, who won the Schenley Award last season as the CFL's outstanding player, is back for his option year before he heads for the NFL in 1987. He's one wide receiver. The other wideout position will be contested by Jim Sandusky and Ned Armour, a pair of San Diego State products. Keyvan Jenkins (Nevada Las Vegas), who got off to an excellent start before injuring his knee, will be the running back, but Fred Sims (Oklahoma) will be a more than capable backup. John Henry White returns for his ninth year as the fullback, with Canadian Ryan Potter in reserve.

KEYVAN JENKINS
British Columbia

The big offensive worry facing Matthews during the winter was whether Roy Dewalt, the No. 1 quarterback, would return to the fold. He'd played out his option while leading the Lions to their Grey Cup triumph and was shopping his talents around the NFL. But Dewalt, who led the CFL in passing with 301 completions in 476 attempts for 4,237 yards and a 63.2 percent average, didn't find a buyer and re-signed with the Lions. Tim Cowan (Washington), who has been patiently waiting in the wings for three years, and Karlton Watson (Winston-Salem), who is entering his second season, will compete for the No. 2 job.

Hebeler and Matthews clashed just before the Western final when Hebeler missed a practice. As punishment, Matthews benched his big defensive end for the first quarter of the game against Winnipeg. But Matthews denies that his inability to get Hebeler, who definitely marches to his own drummer, to conform led to the trade with Toronto. "We played an import short last year, and so we wanted to fill out our quota this year," explained Matthews. "A defensive end was one place where we felt we could make the move, and Ballard was at the top of our list." Ballard and James Parker (Wake Forest) will be the ends and Rick Klassen and Mike Gray (Oregon) the tackles.

Canadians Glen Jackson and Kevin Konar are the outside linebackers, but middle linebacker Tyrone Crews (Kansas State) will have to ward off the challenge of Eric Emery (Cal Fullerton), who missed much of last year with a leg injury.

The cornerback and safety spots are set with Keith Gooch (Fresno State) and Darnell Clash (Wyoming) on the corners and Mel Bryd (Cal Davis) and Larry Crawford (Iowa State), who failed to win a job in the NFL after taking the free-agency route, inside. Andre Jones (Nevada Las Vegas) is available to back up each of the four spots. If Carinci can beat out Robinson at slotback and open up an import job, it could cost Canadian Nelson Martin his starting job (rover) in the secondary. Matthews is inclined toward using an import rover to add more overall speed.

The kicking game? It hardly needs to be said that Lui Passaglia owns both jobs lock, stock, and barrel.

EDMONTON ESKIMOS

(10-6) It was back in 1981 that the innovative Eskimos began the trend to the all-Canadian offensive line. The move was precipitated by a career-ending knee injury to import tackle Mike Wilson, who had been named the CFL's outstanding offensive lineman in 1979 and '80. The Eskimos went on to win two more Grey Cups (their fourth and fifth straight) using the homemade line, and soon every team in the league followed suit. By last season, the import lineman had gone the way of the Edsel and the Studebaker.

But now the Eskies are getting ready to start a new fashion. Or, perhaps more correctly, like so much in our society today, they are bringing back a style from the past. With 35-year-old Canadian offensive tackle Bill Stevenson ailing with what is believed to have been a mild heart attack during the offseason, the Eskimos signed two-time Schenley Award winner Rudy Phillips. Although Phillips was a guard when he was named the CFL's top offensive lineman with the Ottawa Rough Riders, the Eskimos plan to use him at tackle. Phillips (North Texas State) had an unsuccessful tryout with the Buffalo Bills last season after Ottawa became the last CFL team to go to an all-Canadian line.

The man signing Phillips was new general manager Hugh Campbell, who succeeded Norm Kimball when the latter ended a 25-year

association with the club to become the boss of the Montreal Alouettes. It was Campbell, who as Eskimos' head coach, introduced the non-import line five years ago. The Phillips-for-Stevenson switch might not be the only adjustment that head coach Jack Parker will make to the Edmonton front wall this season. The Eskimos drafted John Coffin out of Simon Fraser University in the first round of this year's draft, and he could replace Blake Dermott at center. Rod Connop and Leo Blanchard remain as the guards and Hector Pothier will be the other tackle.

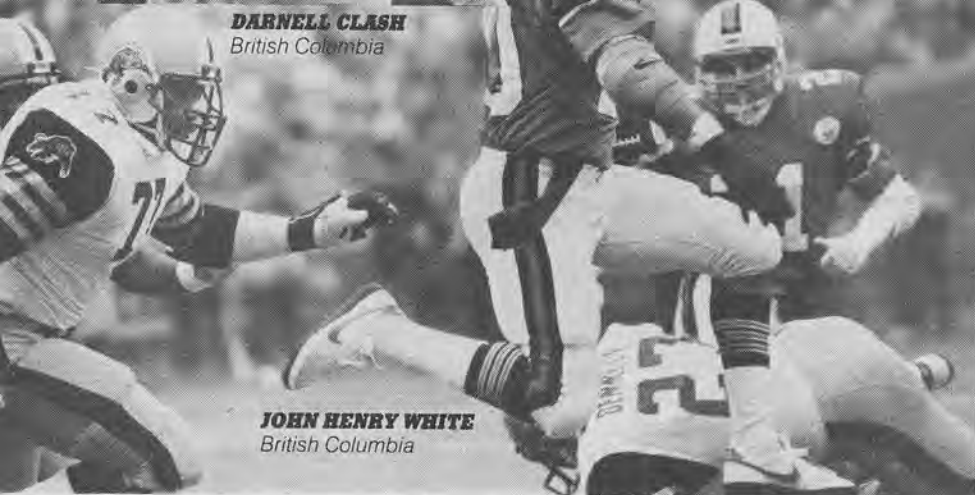
By moving Phillips into the offensive line, Parker could employ two Canadians in the backfield. That would cost import Larry Cowan (Jackson State), a three-year veteran, his job. Milson Jones (North Dakota State) and Chris Skinner had productive efforts a year ago sharing the job with Cowan, and they've convinced Parker they can handle the position that has traditionally gone to Americans. Veteran Neil Lumsden, who suffered a serious elbow injury last year, is back for his eleventh CFL campaign and sixth in Edmonton at fullback, but the Eskies will be grooming his successor, Larry Mohr, a 6-foot, 225-pounder out of Queen's University.

Brian Kelly (Washington State), who has gone over the 1,000-yard plateau five of his seven years in Edmonton, returns as one wide receiver, but the outlook for Chris Woods (Auburn) is not so good. Woods has let it be known he'll play out his option this year and head for the NFL in 1987. He might get his chance earlier than that since the Eskimos have traditionally refused to keep players in their option year on the roster. Freddie Brown (Louisiana Tech), Stephan Jones (Central Michigan), and Steve Bird (Eastern Kentucky) are possible replacements. Rick House and Marco Cyncar are the slotbacks.

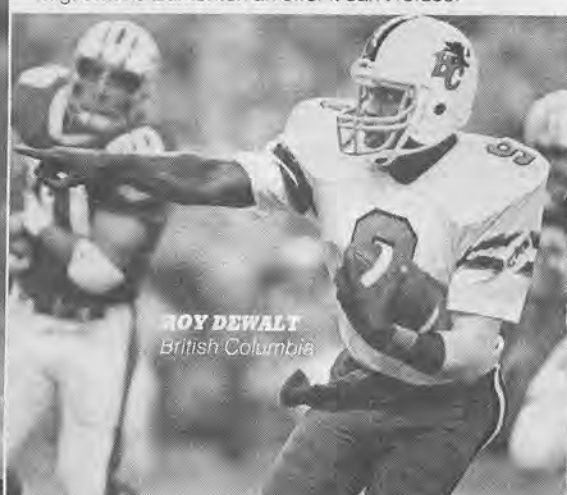
Matt Dunigan (Louisiana Tech), entering his third season as the starter, shouldn't have difficulty maintaining his status as the No. 1 quarterback. He completed 59.8 percent of his passes last year and ranked fifth in the league. He also finished fourth in rushing, with 737 yards on 113 carries, despite missing two games. Second-year pivot Damon Allen (Cal State-Fullerton), the brother of the L.A. Raiders' star running back Marcus Allen, will be pressing hard. Brad Taylor (Arkansas) remains No. 3, but he would be a starter elsewhere. The Stampeders, for example, just might make Edmonton an offer it can't refuse.



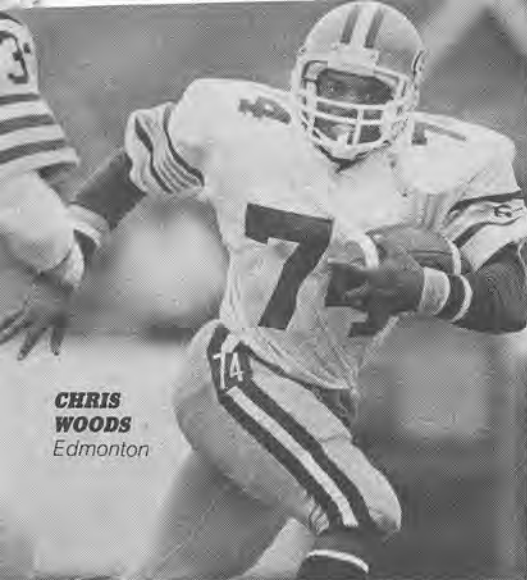
DARNELL CLASH
British Columbia



JOHN HENRY WHITE
British Columbia



ROY DEWALT
British Columbia



CHRIS WOODS
Edmonton



MATT DUNIGAN
Edmonton

Tom Dixon had an excellent rookie year as punter and place-kicker; he won't even be challenged this season.

Defensively, Parker will likely start with Tom Tuinei (Hawaii), a six-year vet, and James Zachery (Texas A & M), but Lenwood Hamilton (Southern), Andre Pinesett (Cal State-Fullerton), and Walk Bowyer (Arizona State) will offer competition. Canadian Dan Mandarich (Kent State) will be the nose tackle.

Stewart Hill (Washington) had only half the sacks (8) that he had as a rookie in '84, but was still a solid performer last season and remains the Eskimos' rush backer. Dan Bass (Michigan State) and Craig Shaffer (Indiana State) will be the inside backers, with John Dailey (Auburn), for whom the Eskies had high hopes, trying to recover from a serious knee injury. Canadian Larry Wruck will be the other outside backer.

With 11-year Eskimo Joe Hollimon (Arkansas State) having been given his outright release, the competition for jobs in the secondary takes shape with incumbents Darryl Hall (San Diego State) and Mark Jackson (Abilene Christian) trying to fight off Dale Thompson (Cal-Fullerton) and rookie Daryl Smith (Northern Alabama) for jobs on the corners. Cliff Toney (Auburn) and James Bells (New Mexico) are the safeties. Canadian Laurent Deslauriers is the rover, backed up by Jeff Trefitlin.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

(12-4) When your record as a head coach has been 32-14-1 over the past three seasons and you've been coach of the year on back-to-back occasions, worry is not a word that should be high on your vocabulary list. But Cal Murphy is a worrier. He also possesses a volatile temper. That's why he ended up in the hospital last summer with his second heart attack in four years. The 54-year-old Winnipeg native is back at the Blue Bomber helm again full of vim and vigor and ready to face his old nemesis, the B.C. Lions, for Earl Grey's silver cup.

Murphy's biggest worry as the opening of training camp neared was replacing his top wide receiver, Jeff Boyd (Chapman College), 76 receptions for 1,372 yards. Boyd signed with the Cleveland Browns, one of three CFLers to jump to the NFL club. James Murphy (Utah State), 56 for 749 yards, returns.

The Bombers weren't sitting back wringing their hands in the offseason, however, and have lined up a host of possible replacements for Boyd. Leading the group is Perry Tuttle (Clemson), the Buffalo Bills' No.1 pick in the

1982 draft. Also back from last season are Dennis Allen (Kansas State), Joey Little (Fresno State), and James Hood (Arizona State). Newcomers expected to push for a job are a trio of trackmen: Ken Winey (Southern), who has 4.4 speed and holds the SWAC high-jump record at 7 feet, 2 inches; Javaro Sims (Florida A&M), and Verril Young (McNeese State).

Another worry for Murphy is the health of center John Bonk. The 14-year veteran suffered a pinched nerve in his neck late last year, and he'll undergo extensive tests before being allowed to suit up for a fifteenth season. If Bonk is a scratch, then Mark Moors will move in at center. The rest of the offensive line should return intact.

Murphy's third concern offensively is the age of quarterbacks Tom Clements (Notre Dame), who'll be 33 before the season starts, and backup John Hufnagel (Penn State), who'll be 35 by mid-season. Norman Gibbs (Southern), who has been No. 3 for the past three seasons, and Homer Jordan (Clemson), obtained from Saskatchewan during the winter, represent the youth movement.

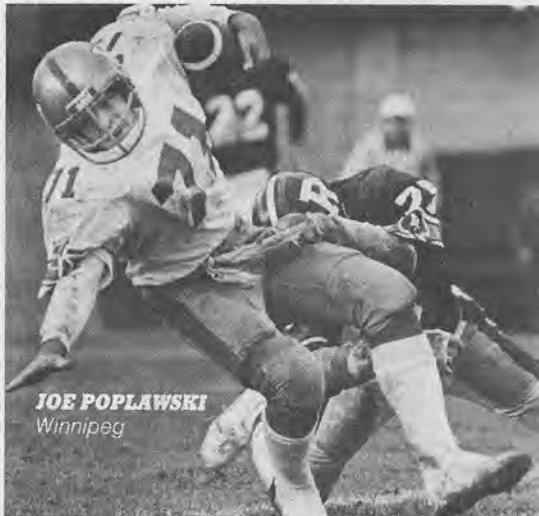
Murphy doesn't have any worry when it comes to his inside receivers, Joe Poplawski and Jerome Erdman. Despite the number of throws that went Boyd's way last year, Pop-

lawski still had 75 catches for 1,271 yards and was runner-up for the Schenley Award as the league's top Canadian, an honor he copped in 1981. Nor is there any concern at running back, where Willard Reaves (Northern Arizona) is. He won the rushing title for the second straight year, with 1,323 yards. James Sykes (Rice), who was arguably the best runner in the league with Calgary before Reaves came along, provides insurance.

Trevor Kennerd, who won the scoring title with 198 points, will again handle the placements and Bob Cameron returns for his seventh season as the punter.

Defensively, age is again a concern, with cornerback David Shaw (Prairie View), 32, and defensive end Tony Norman (Iowa State), 31. Shaw, Wylie Turner (Angelo State), Ken Hailey (San Francisco State), Ray Bennett (Jackson State), and Canadian Scott Flagel (Arizona Western) make up the secondary, but there will be plenty of competition from newcomers Norris Gibbs (Southern), Norman's brother, Rolando Capparis (East Carolina), and Ken Pettway (California).

The hottest competition at camp will come at linebacker, where there will be no fewer than 13 in the race. Tyrone Jones (Southern)



JOE POPLAWSKI
Winnipeg



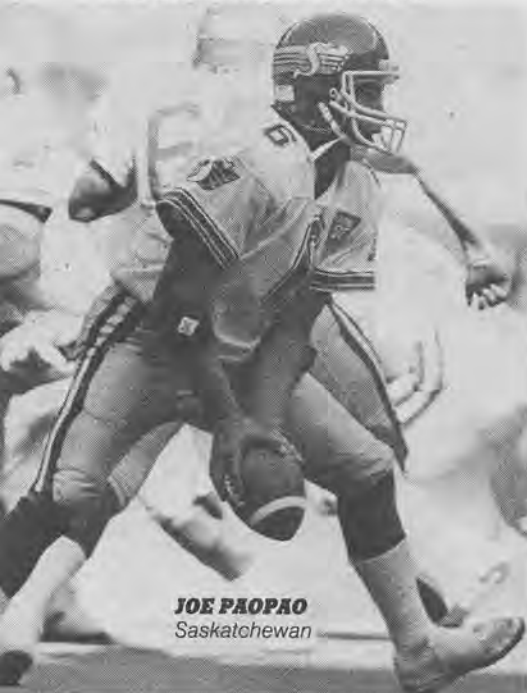
WILLARD REAVES
Winnipeg

and Del Fowler (West Virginia), back after an unsuccessful NFL try, head the race for outside jobs, with Joe Jackson (San Francisco) and Nikita Blair chasing them. James West (Texas Southern), Darryl Patterson (Texas Christian), and Mike Robinson (Utah State) are the returning inside linebackers, while Daryl Rudd (Central Florida) leads the rookie contingent. Norman and Hasson Arbubakrr (Texas Tech), along with John Sturdivant (Maryland) and Howard Wade (Stephen F. Austin), are the defensive ends, while homebreds Stan Mikowas, Brent Racette, and Rob Prodanovic vie for the job at nose tackle.

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS

(5-11) Saskatchewan football fans, in particular, are pushing for a change in the CFL play-off structure, and no one has his shoulder behind the movement with any more weight than the Roughriders' Jack Gotta. The veteran CFL coach, who left the comfort of the television booth to return to the hostilities of the sidelines last season, is clearly under pressure to get the Riders into the playoffs this season. It's a world in which the Riders haven't set foot in a decade, and the endurance of their supporters has been pushed to the limit. They're starting to show their displeasure where it's bound to have the most effect—at the box office. Therefore, it's a produce-or-else year for the affable Gotta, a two-time winner of CFL coach-of-the-year honors in the early 1970s.

It won't be easy. In fact, it may be darn well impossible under the present format, where only the top three teams in each division make the playoffs. With B.C., Winnipeg, and a resurgent Edmonton club dominating the west, Saskatchewan and Calgary will have to take major strides to alter their also-ran status. That's why their best hope for playoff competition is an alteration of the present system that would put the top six teams, regardless of division, into postseason play. Ironically, based on last season's record, the Riders wouldn't have made it anyway. But they claim they were out of the race by early October and had no incentive in the final weeks.



JOE PAOPAO
Saskatchewan

Whether the board of governors adopts a new system, Gotta feels the Riders will take a better run at the playoffs this year if he can accomplish a major upgrading of his defense. "If we stay healthy, we'll be okay offensively," he offered. The only change may come at the backup quarterback position behind No. 1 pivot Joe Paopao (Long Beach). The Riders finally gave up on Homer Jordan (Clemson) and will let rookie Dave Stireman (Weber State) and holdover Harold Smith (Texas Southern) fight it out for the No. 2 spot.

The Riders made Washington State running back Rueben Mayes, the North Battleford, Sask., native, their first-round pick in the Canadian draft but weren't holding much hope of signing him. He was chosen in the third round by the New Orleans Saints. Craig Ellis (San Diego State) remains the club's running back despite earlier rumors that the Riders were seeking to trade him. He's led the league in receptions the past two seasons and Toronto, for one, would love to have him. The Riders' price has simply been too high.

Mike Elarms (Angelo State) and Daric Zeno (Central State), obtained from Ottawa in mid-season, are small but speedy and proved to be an exciting pair of wide receivers. With veteran Chris DeFrance (Arizona State) shipped to Montreal, second-year man Tony Dennis will be the second slotback alongside Ray Elgaard (Utah), who had an outstanding '85 season with 79 catches for 1,193 yards.

"Defensively is where we have to make some major changes," said Gotta. Bruce Miller (Southern Mississippi) and Alfred "Jitter" Fields (Texas) finished the season as the cornerbacks, but highly touted rookie Joe Fuller (Northern Iowa) is expected to step in at one corner. Eddie Ray Walker (Southern Mississippi), who won a starting job as a rookie last year, and veteran Fran McDermott (St. Mary's) were the safeties, but they'll get competition from newcomers Tony Staten (Angelo State) and Craig Cooper (Albany State). Canadians Glen Sutor and David Singh shared the rover spot.

Gotta will have a chore sorting out his linebackers. Eddie Lowe (Alabama) is the only sure thing. Canadians Richard White and Jerry Friesen both suffered serious injuries last year; White is still in the doubtful category and Friesen has retired. As a result, Gotta will probably go with three import linebackers. John Pointer (Clemson), picked up in a trade with Montreal, and Gary Moten (UCLA), obtained in a swap with Winnipeg, will struggle with returnees Billy Jackson (Mississippi State), Jimmy Hunter (Indiana), Bernard King (Syracuse), and rookie Matt Tiemann (North Texas State) for the two outside spots.

The defensive line isn't settled by any means, either. James Capers (Central Michigan) and Rick Mohr (Cal-Davis) are the ends, but Mohr, a four-year vet, may have trouble hanging on to his job. Gary Lewis (Oklahoma State), played well after coming over from Ottawa and could wind up a starter this year at tackle along with Canadian Rick Goltz, but Canadians Al John and Scott Redle might fit into the picture. Bobby Jurasin (Northern Michigan) heads the rookie import contingent.

Gerald McGrath came out of forced retirement to handle the punting chores in the second half of last season, and Gotta was pleased with his performance. Still, the Riders drafted Glen Harper (Washington State) and



RICK JOHNSON
Calgary



RICHIE HALL
Calgary

Tony Brown (San Jose State), and that pair, along with McGrath, Terry Leschuk, Dave Ridgway, and junior-college football grad Tony Gagnon will compete in a pre-camp kickers' session out of which only three will advance to the main camp.

CALGARY STAMPEDERS

(3-13) Most assistant coaches seek to wear the head coach's cap someday. And Bob Vespaziani is no exception. The Mount Vernon, N.Y., native climbed the ladder from high school through college to the assistant coaching ranks with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and then last year with the B.C. Lions. This winter he finally reached the top rung when he landed the head-coaching job with the Stampeders. Now that he's there, Vespaziani might, however, find the lofty perch rather precarious. The Stampeders' ladder isn't on the most solid of financial footings. But it's a situation he was well aware of it when he applied for the position.

Many of the returning veterans saw just how close the team came to extinction. They know that without a dramatic turnaround, the last-minute fan support that saved the franchise will drift away once more. Pointing the Stampeders' fortunes in the right direction will be a tough task for Vespaziani, his assistants, and general manager Earl Lunsford. The talent was thin in many areas and the immediate prospects of strengthening those spots weren't bright.

The Stampeders made veteran quarterback Joe Barnes a millionaire to come in and lead the club after he'd played out his option with Toronto. But Barnes found it difficult to soar like an eagle when surrounded by turkeys. After only two victories in 11 games, the Stamps did the economically astute thing by sending Barnes to Montreal for wide receiver

Spencer Jackson (Florida) and other considerations—such as taking Barnes's huge salary off their hands.

With Barnes gone the quarterback job is being handed to Rick Johnson (Southern Illinois), a brash youngster who interim head coach Bud Riley kept insisting would be the finest quarterback to hit Calgary since Peter Liske. Johnson appeared in 11 games last year and produced stats he probably didn't write home about. He completed just 42.5 percent of his 167 passes, the lowest average in the league. But then, Hamilton's sensational Ken Hobart completed just 48.3 percent of his throws, so if Johnson can produce the kind of overall success Hobart did, then the Stampeders will have something. Canadian Greg Vavra was the Stamps' No. 1 pivot before Barnes and at times last year. He could reclaim the job this year if Johnson falters. The Stamps also were trying to convince Blaine Fowler, Robbie Bosco's backup at BYU, to come to Canada.

After utilizing 11 receivers during the season, the Stamps finally appear to have come up with a unit that can make them fairly respectable at that position. Jackson and Ray Alexander (Florida A & M) went to camp as the wide receivers, while the much-traveled Emanuel Tolbert (Southern Methodist), who caught 67 passes for 1,124 yards, and towering (6-foot-9) Dan Runge, Bob Bresciani, or Pari Cici will begin as the slotbacks.

After Lewis Walker, who stood out as a rookie in 1984 with a 5.3-yard rushing average, had run afoul of both management and the law, the Stampeders found an excellent replacement in Larry Mason (Troy State). When he got hurt, the Stamps came up with an equally good back in Dwight Beverly (Illinois). Those two will battle for a starting job. Homebrew Greg Feiger will be the fullback.

Calgary's offensive line, which was once shaping into the best in the league, has been torn apart, and Vespaziani has the task of putting it back together. Nine-year vet Dave Kirzinger is the only remaining member of the highly rated unit which has been spread across the league.

There's no doubt the defensive line is one area where Vespaziani isn't too comfortable. Rookie James Walker (Kansas State) played in all 16 games and led the club with seven quarterback sacks. He and former Schenley winner Vince Goldsmith (Oregon), who was picked up from Toronto and played in 10 games, are the incumbent ends. Vespaziani will also be seeking to upgrade the tackle positions. Eugene Belliveau, a Canadian who spent his first six years in the league with Montreal, might have trouble hanging on to a starting job in his second campaign with Calgary. Kent Warnock, the No. 1 pick in this year's Canadian college draft, was originally tabbed to be switched to the offensive line. But with a shortage of talent on the defensive line, he might stay put at tackle. Import Don Chumley (Georgia) will be the other tackle.

The linebacking corps is one of the club's more solid positions. Anthony Woodson (Hawaii) and Canadian Bernie Morrison, a nine-year veteran, will be outside, while Knox Culpepper (Georgia) handles the middle.

The secondary is also one of the coach's lesser concerns, although right corner Ron Hopkins (Murray State) will get competition from Larry Hogue (Utah State). Mel Jenkins

(Cincinnati) does a good job at left corner. Veteran Ken Miller (Eastern Michigan) and 5-foot-6 Richie Hall (Colorado State), the team's No. 1 punt returner, are the safeties. Canadians Darrell Moir and Greg Petterson (Brigham Young) will carry on their struggle for the starting rover spot.

The kicking game is a problem. After trading away punter Mike McTague to Montreal prior to last season, the Stamps asked placekicker J.T. Hay to handle both chores. His field-goal percentage dropped to 64 percent (from 73) and he averaged just 41 yards per punt, eighth-best in the league.

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TORONTO ARGONAUTS

(6-10) When Condredge Holloway went down in the fourth game of the season with torn knee ligaments, the Argos' hopes for another run at the Grey Cup went with him. With their No. 1 quarterback on the shelf, the Argos plummeted to the basement of the Eastern Conference after three straight first-place finishes since Bob O'Billovich arrived as head coach in



CONDREDGE
HOLLOWAY
Toronto

1982. Compounding the problem was a pre-season injury to No. 2 quarterback Ricky Turner (Washington State). That left O'Billovich with rookies Mark Casale (Montclair State) and Mike Hohensee (Minnesota). Neither could consistently move the club.

Now, with Holloway healthy and in the first year of his new \$450,000, two-year contract, O'Billovich had every right to look ahead to the 1986 season with renewed optimism. But a week after his signing was announced, Holloway was arrested for the second time in two years on an impaired driving charge and faced the possibility of a jail term if convicted. Turner returns, and the Argos took advantage of Texas-Arlington's decision to drop football to sign quarterback David Bates.

The other concern facing O'Billovich was replacing Terry Greer, the brilliant wide receiver who played out his option and joined the Cleveland Browns. The loss of Greer will force the Argos into a more diverse offense, and that could be a blessing in disguise. Not only will Holloway be more inclined to spread his passes around, but, heck, O'Billovich was even talking about a running attack this season. While he's not about to hire John Riggins, O'Billovich did concede, "We have to do a better job of running the ball."

The Argos had hoped to reacquire Cedric Minter (Boise State), who scored the winning touchdown in the Argos' '83 Grey Cup victory. However, Minter re-signed with the New York Jets, who had dropped him early last season. Thus, heading for camp holdover Walter Bender (Kent State) had the inside track on the job, with Kevin Lowe (Wyoming), who joined the club late last year from the Buffalo Bills, and former CFL Rookie of the Year William Miller, who returned to Canada after a tour of duty in the USFL, as his main competitors. Former Canadian Olympic bronze medal-winner Sterling Hinds was a candidate, but a knee injury he suffered hasn't come around and he may miss the entire year.



JAMES
CURRY
Toronto



CARL
BRAZLEY
Toronto

It didn't take new general manager (former two-time Argo head coach) Leo Cahill long to swing his first deal. He sent all-purpose back Jan Carinci (Maryland) to the B.C. Lions for all-star defensive end Nick Hebel and got the Lions to toss in import defensive back Kerry Parker. The persuasive Cahill was still dickering for a wide receiver who will battle returnees Stanley Washington (Texas Christian) and Steve Cox (Utah). Canadians Geoff Townsend (Boston College) and Greg Holmes (Carroll College) will share the other wideout job, as they've done for the past four seasons.

Kerry Taylor (Southern Connecticut State), who was an early candidate for rookie of the year honors, tailed off late in the season. He'll have to prove himself all over again at camp. Old reliable Paul Pearson, entering his eighth year with the Argos, will be the other slotback.

Bob Bronk has been recognized as one of the best blocking fullbacks in the league since coming out of Queen's University four years ago. But with the Argos attempting to improve their running game, his lack of acceleration could place him in jeopardy. The Argos like young Warren Hudson, who is quicker than Bronk. And as a former linebacker, Hudson doesn't mind sticking his nose into a blocking assignment either.

Defensively, the Argos should be a lot stronger, especially if O'Billovich can curb his penchant for renovating the lineup each time a player has an off day. O'Billovich has decided to take advantage of his fine complement of linebackers and switch to a "30" defense. Hebel and James Curry (Nevada Reno) could be a devastating pair of ends. Curry led the Argos in quarterback sacks last season, although his total was down to 12, from 22 the year before. Rodney Harding (Oklahoma State) played in 14 games and could still be a factor if O'Billovich tires of Curry's freelancing tactics. The club is also high on rookie Marlin Jones (Central State). Gary Dulin (Ohio State), who has bounced from Ottawa to Saskatchewan to Toronto, might find a permanent home at nose tackle if he plays up to his potential. Canadian Mark Seale (Richmond) should be the backup, but he could oust Dulin.

The linebacking group is as strong as it's been since 1983. Dave Marshall (Eastern Michigan) and Frank Robinson (Tulane, Winnipeg—CFL), who were acquired late last season, should combine with William Mitchell (Long Beach State) and Don Moen, considered by many to be the best Canadian linebacker in the league, to form a formidable crew. Mitchell is a free agent, having played out his option. If he doesn't return, Darryl Goodlow (Oklahoma), who appeared in one game last year, could step in.

The secondary is strong. All-star Carl Brazley (Western Kentucky) and Marcellus Green (Arizona) should be the corners, although Parker, who like Green is back in the CFL after a brief affair with the NFL, could give Green a tussle for his job. Darrell Wilson (Connecticut) and Dennis Clay (Oregon) are the safeties. Veteran rover Preston Young, who returned to Toronto last year from Montreal, is also a free agent. But the Argos feel they have adequate—and less costly—replacements in Jerry Nash and Cliff Hewitt.

Hank Ilesic, long one of the premier punters in the CFL, had a mediocre season after coming up with a knee injury. He had to give up his attempt to add the field-goal kicking chore to his act, and the Argos eventually turned that job over to Lance Chomyc. O'Billovich plans to use Ilesic strictly as a punter this year. Chomyc, who progressed steadily over the season, will handle the placements.

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

(8-8) Almost single-handedly, Ken Hobart saved the Eastern Division from being a totally boring spectacle last season. The nimble-footed product of the University of Idaho, who arrived in Hamilton midway through training camp via the USFL, set a single-season rush-

ing record for a quarterback when he took off with the ball 118 times for 928 yards. His average of 7.9 yards per carry was the best among all CFL rushers. Hobart's contribution had to be measured in more than statistics, though. He excited fans everywhere with his daring running. More importantly, he helped inject some life into a slowly dying franchise. The 23-year-old Hobart, however, won't be allowed to rest on last year's laurels.

"We hope to increase our passing statistics this year," said coach Al Bruno. "Hobart was picking up the idea of reading defenses by the end of last season. But you still got the feeling he was going to try to do it himself come hell or high water. This year, we have to impress upon him the importance of laying off a bit because of the [risk of] injury." Bruno feels that the fact Hobart impressed upon the other teams last season that he can, indeed, run with the ball should help his passing.

Hobart's passing, however, may be the least of Bruno's problems. As the team headed into training camp, general manager Joe Zuger still had not come to terms with two members of the starting secondary. Only Canadian rover Paul Bennett and safeties Howard Fields (Baylor) and Mark Streeter (Arizona), who signed new pacts during the winter, were under contract. Still not back in the fold were corners Donovan Rose (Hampton) and Less Browne (Colorado State). Defensive tackle Mitchell Price also played out his option and was unsigned.

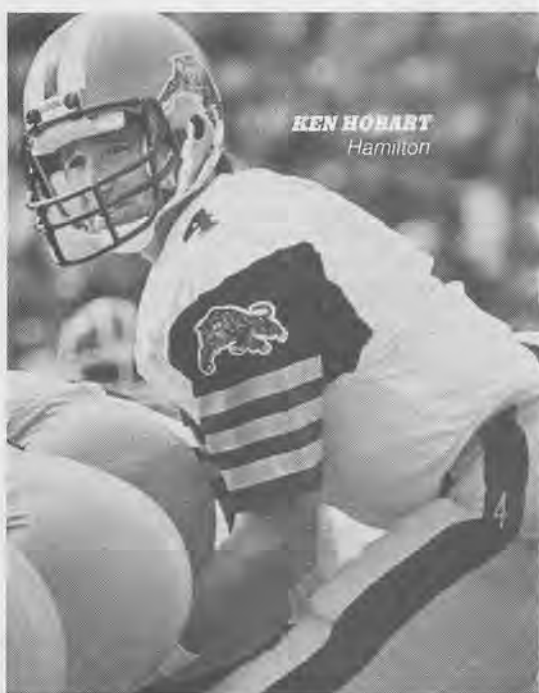
Bruno had another concern on defense, where Canadian David Sauve (Harvard) was an uncertainty because of a damaged nerve at the base of his neck. If Sauve isn't ready to start the season, Bruno may have to revert to an all-import defensive line. Leading the way will be all-star Grover Covington (Johnson C. Smith), who led the CFL in quarterback sacks last year, with 16, and fifth-year man Mike Walker (Washington State). Rod Skillman (Missouri), who was on and off the roster last season, could step in as a replacement for Price or Sauve. Newcomer Tommy Alexander (Houston) is also a candidate.

The linebacking crew should be stable, with Ben Zambiasi (Georgia) starting his ninth season in the middle. Leo Ezerins and either Greg Gary (Cal State Fullerton) or Reggie Mathis (Oklahoma) will be on the outside.

The Ticats' offensive line was the joke of the



JOE BARNES
Montreal



KEN HOBART
Hamilton

CFL not too many seasons back, but now it has jelled into a competent unit. Having an escape artist like Hobart working behind it helped, but the Hamilton line gave up just 46 sacks last year, the third-fewest in the league. Bruno feels the line should be strong this season with the presence of Miles Gorrell from the start of the season and the experience gained by Jason Riley, Ralph Scholz (Cornell), and Mike Derks (Cincinnati).

If Hobart is to improve his passing stats he'll have to look more to tight end Rocky DiPietro, who was virtually ignored last season (52 catches, 593 yards) after he'd grabbed 71 for 1,063 yards in 1984. There are excellent receivers in Steve Stapler (San Diego State), the deep threat, Ron Ingram (Oklahoma State), Tony Champion (Tennessee-Martin), Scott Collie (Brigham Young), and Rufus Crawford (Virginia State), provided his leg is strong enough for him to continue at age 31.

Johnny Shepherd (Livingston), who had injured his hip late in the 1984 season, didn't get back into action until the eleventh game last year. However, he was back to form by season's end, and the Ticats re-signed him to a new contract. He'll compete at running back with George Works (Northern Michigan) and Poncho James (San Francisco State).

Whether Shepherd, Price, and the dissident defensive backs return to the fold and Hobart improves his passing game, Bruno has the luxury of knowing he's got an ace in the hole in punter/place-kicker Bernie Ruoff. The 34-year-old Canadian, who attended Syracuse, had the third-best punting average in the CFL, and was successful on more than 66 percent of his field-goal attempts. And he has the knack of coming through in the clutch.

MONTREAL ALOUETTES

(8-8) An old name and a new boss. That's the combination being counted on to restore success both on the field and at the box office for this troubled Eastern Conference team.

The four-year-old Concordes franchise, which rose from the ashes of the Alouettes in the spring of 1982, shocked the league in

March when it announced at a hastily called news conference that Norm Kimball, the man many feel has been responsible for the solid position of the Edmonton Eskimos, had jumped to Montreal as the team's new president, chief operating officer, and part owner. At the same time, board chairman Edmond Ricard revealed that the club would be reverting back to the Alouette name. The moniker had been lost in a storm of legal red tape after the original Als, captained by Vancouver entrepreneur Nelson Skalbania, sank in a sea of debt in 1982. But after considerable negotiations, Ricard was able to obtain the rights to the familiar nickname.

"The name Concordes didn't mean [a thing] to Francophones," said *Le Journal de Montreal* columnist Andre Rousseau. "It doesn't even translate into French."

What it did mean in any language was that football interest in Montreal had dwindled badly. And while the Concordes' improved showing on the field in 1985 brought a slight improvement at the gate, the club was still losing money at a rate of more than \$1 million a year. Ricard and his partner, Charles Bronfman, who owns the Montreal Expos and Seagram's distillery, are both well-heeled. But

Barnes at quarterback for the whole year is the big thing."

Barnes returned to Montreal, where he started his tour of Canada 11 years ago, late last season from Calgary. In between he's made stops in Saskatchewan and Toronto. The 34-year-old Texas Tech product gives Montreal leadership and experience. That's something it hasn't had since... well, since Barnes was dumped midway through the 1980 season. The backup job will fall to either Mark Stevens (Utah) or Peter Muldoon (Holy Cross). Turner Gill (Nebraska), who arrived in 1984 as the franchise savior, likely won't be back. Not only has he been a bust on the field, but he was kayoed twice last season and doctors are concerned about his health.

While Barnes will supply the stability at quarterback, Kimball et al. must supply Durchik with a competent corps of receivers. The lack of a speedy and sure-handed deep threat has been a major weakness in the Montreal attack. Without that asset the Concordes looked mainly to Canadian receiver Nick Arakgi, and the Egyptian-born tight end has been outstanding. But he hasn't been enough. Fourth-year man Jeff Patterson (Youngstown State), Kris Haines (Notre Dame), who joined the team last August after the USFL season, and Canadian Mike McTague (North Dakota State), the team's punter, will be joined by import Chris DeFrance (Arizona State). DeFrance was obtained from Saskatchewan, who deemed him expendable despite the fact that fans voted him to the all-time Saskatchewan team. The Als are still looking for another speedy import, and if they come up with the right man, they could go with an all-American receiving corps and let McTague concentrate on his punting.

Dwayne Wilson (Idaho State) and Al Reid (Minnesota) will compete for the running-back spot, while Canadian Tony Johns (Henderson State) nailed down the fullback job with an excellent rookie season after replacing NFL retread Rich Tomaselli.

Defensively, the Als' big question mark will be at the right cornerback spot, where all-star Harry Skipper (South Carolina) played out his option and signed with the Cleveland Browns. As insurance, the Als obtained veteran Terry Irvin (Jackson State), but he's 31 and may have lost a step. Myles Darling (South Carolina State) will be the other corner, with Aaron Hill (Lamar) and Vince Phason (Arizona) the safeties. The rover will be Canadian Rick Ryan (Weber State), who was obtained from B.C. midway through last season.

Durchik will employ a three-man front supported by rush backer Steve Raquet (Holy Cross), Sandy Armstrong (Colorado), Canadian Doug Scott (Boise State), and Brett Williams (Austin Peay) comprise the line.

The linebacking corps will be minus John Pointer, who was dealt to Saskatchewan in the offseason, but Durchik feels he's got lots of talent from which to choose a replacement. Paul Gray (Western Kentucky) is solid in the middle, while Ali Witherspoon (Delaware), Lamont Jeffers (Tennessee), and Orlando Flanagan (Oklahoma) are in the running for one outside post. Durchik is hoping homebrew Ken Ciancone (Utah State) can come off his leg injury to play the other side.

Roy Kurtz had an excellent 72 percent average as a rookie field-goal kicker last season, and he'll also get a look as the punter.

OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

(7-9) The way Joe Moss looks at it, success is a relative matter. Last year, in his first season as head coach of the Rough Riders, Moss, the retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, improved his club's record by 75 percent. After winning only four games in 1984 under George Brancato, the Riders jumped to seven victories in 1985. And while that would have been good enough for second place in the East the year before, the Riders just managed to edge out Toronto for the final playoff berth last year before they succumbed quickly in the semifinals.

This year Moss sees overall improvement in his squad and a much stronger defense than the one he inherited a year earlier.

The secondary should line up with Kevin Gray (Eastern Illinois), who joined the Riders midway through last term, and Lamont Meacham (Western Kentucky) on the corners and Ralph Dixon (Arizona State) and Ricky Barden (North Carolina), the only holdover from '84, at the safeties. Chris Sigler (Indiana) was the rover, but he might fall victim to the import quota if Moss is forced to go with a Canadian, probably Mike McIntyre, at that position.

The defensive line is also stable. Greg Marshall (Oregon State), going into his eighth season in Ottawa, and Jeff Roberts (Tulane), who was picked up from Saskatchewan late last year, will be the ends, while Loyd Lewis (Texas A & I) and homebrew Michel Bourgeois (Boise State) man the tackles.

Upgrading the linebacking corps will be Moss's defensive project at camp. Age forced Tom Towns, who gave the Riders a useful season after 10 campaigns in Edmonton, to retire. Another veteran Canadian, Rick Sowieta (Richmond), wasn't promised a job. If he doesn't make it, import Al Washington (Ohio State) would be the only incumbent returning this season. Two highly regarded offseason recruits, Ron Comanche (Southern) and Andre Young (Bowling Green), will battle for one outside spot, while the other job will be contested by Canadians Steve Harrison, Shane Ireland, and Marty Palazetti (Marshall).

The major task facing Moss and his assistants this year will be renovating the Rider attack. "The offense will come under close scrutiny in all areas," Moss promised. "Our offensive production was marginal at best last year, so there's a lot of work to be done."



PAUL BENNETT
Hamilton

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Gary Durchik, who became head coach late last season when Galat fired himself, oozes optimism. "We've gotten better and more consistent every year," he says. "We're really close to turning the corner. Having Joe



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Quarterback J.C. Watts (Oklahoma) will once again find himself under the gun. This time, however, it'll go off if he doesn't produce. After four seasons in Ottawa, Watts has shown only brief flashes of the greatness expected of him when he was recruited in 1981 after a fine career with the Sooners. He's been hampered by injuries and a series of mediocre receivers, and sitting out the '82 season over a pay dispute didn't help his situation at all.

"He's got the job until proven otherwise," said Moss. "He did some good things, won some games for us. When he's hot, he's very hot. But at times he's been cold, and when that happens, it's a long day for us." The Riders were planning to bring back Troy Bodine (Cincinnati) and Mike Hohensee (Minnesota), but they're pinning their long-term hopes on youngster Tom Burgess (Colgate).

The rest of the offense should remain fairly stable with the possible exception of one wide receiver position. Waymond Alridge (Nevada Las Vegas) caught 49 passes for 797 yards last year. He has the speed and hands to be an outstanding receiver. He and Thad Jemison (Ohio State), who had previous trials with Toronto and Edmonton, are penciled in as the wide receivers, but they could get competition from rookie Scott Kimball (Nebraska). Mike Caterbone (Franklin Marshall) will move to slotback to compete with Mark Barousse (McNeese State) for one job. Canadian Mike Hudson will be the other inside receiver.

Veteran CFLer Lester Brown (Clemson) appears to have found a home in Ottawa after bouncing from Saskatchewan to Montreal to Toronto before winding up with the Riders last season. He'll work out of the tailback spot, with Jim Reid at fullback. The Riders have high hopes for Canadian Robert Reid, obtained from Saskatchewan last season. He'll get some work spelling Brown.

The offensive line is anchored by tackles Kevin Powell (Utah State) and Roger Cattelan (Boston College) and last year's top rookie in the East, Nick Benjamin.

The Riders will continue with Ken Clark handling the punting duties and Dean Dorsey the place-kicking chores.

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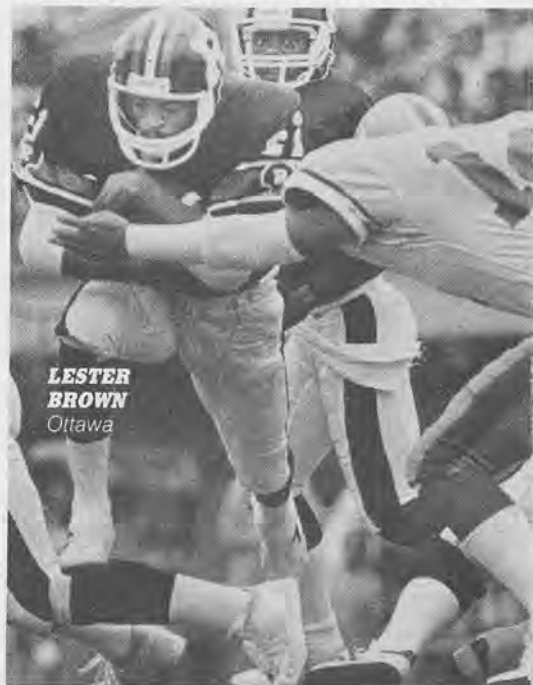
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SCORING

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
Chicago	51	27	17	7	51	51	31	37	3	456
San Francisco	53	20	28	5	52	53	13	21	1	411
N.Y. Giants	48	24	22	2	45	47	22	33	0	399
Dallas	43	11	27	5	42	43	19	28	0	357
Minnesota	43	19	22	2	41	43	15	26	1	346
L.A. Rams	39	15	16	8	38	39	22	29	1	340
Green Bay	40	16	21	3	38	40	19	26	1	337
Detroit	33	13	19	1	31	33	26	31	0	307
Washington	33	20	13	0	31	33	22	35	1	297
New Orleans	29	4	20	5	27	29	31	35	0	294
Tampa Bay	33	11	22	0	30	33	22	32	0	294
Philadelphia	30	8	19	3	29	29	25	30	1	286
Atlanta	30	14	13	3	30	30	24	31	0	282
St. Louis	34	14	19	1	33	34	13	28	1	278

KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Butler, Kevin, Chi.	51	51	31	37	144
Andersen, Morten, N.O.	27	29	31	35	120
Murray, Ed, Det.	31	33	26	31	109
Lansford, Mike, Rams	38	39	22	29	104
McFadden, Paul, Phil.	29	29	25	30	104
Luckhurst, Mick, Atl.	29	29	24	31	101
Septien, Rafael, Dall.	42	43	19	28	99
Moseley, Mark, Wash.	31	33	22	34	97
Igwebuike, Donald, T.B.	30	32	22	32	96
Del Greco, Al, G.B.	38	40	19	26	95
Wersching, Ray, S.F.	52	53	13	21	91
Stenerud, Jan, Minn.	41	43	15	26	86
Schubert, Eric, Giants	26	27	10	13	56
Atkinson, Jess, Giants-St. L.	17	18	10	18	+53
O'Donoghue, Neil, St. L.	19	19	10	18	49
Bojovic, Novo, St. L.	11	12	3	7	20
Haji-Sheikh, Ali, Giants	5	5	2	5	11

NON-KICKERS

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Morris, Joe, Giants	21	21	0	0	126
Craig, Roger, S.F.	15	9	6	0	90
Dickerson, Eric, Rams	12	12	0	0	72
Payton, Walter, Chi.	11	9	2	0	66
Quick, Mike, Phil.	11	0	11	0	66
Brown, Ted, Minn.	10	7	3	0	60
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	10	0	10	0	60
Dorsett, Tony, Dall.	10	7	3	0	60
Mitchell, Stump, St. L.	10	7	3	0	60
Riggs, Gerald, Atl.	10	10	0	0	60
Wilder, James, T.B.	10	10	0	0	60
Jones, James, Det.	9	6	3	0	54
Carter, Anthony, Minn.	8	0	8	0	48
Giles, Jimmie, T.B.	8	0	8	0	48
Johnson, Bobby, Giants	8	0	8	0	48
Renfro, Mike, Dall.	8	0	8	0	48
Riggins, John, Wash.	8	8	0	0	48
Tyler, Wendell, S.F.	8	6	2	0	48
Clark, Jessie, G.B.	7	5	2	0	42
Hill, Tony, Dall.	7	0	7	0	42
McKinnon, Dennis, Chi.	7	0	7	0	42
Rogers, George, Wash.	7	7	0	0	42

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Brown, Ron, Rams	6	0	3	3	36
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	6	0	6	0	36
Cosbie, Doug, Dall.	6	0	6	0	36
Ellard, Henry, Rams	6	0	5	1	36
Jackson, Earnest, Phil.	6	5	1	0	36
Nelson, Darrin, Minn.	6	5	1	0	36
Tilley, Pat, St. L.	6	0	6	0	36
Anderson, Alfred, Minn.	5	4	1	0	30
Clark, Gary, Wash.	5	0	5	0	30
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	5	5	0	0	30
Fuller, Steve, Chi.	5	5	0	0	30
Green, Roy, St. L.	5	0	5	0	30
House, Kevin, T.B.	5	0	5	0	30
Johnson, Billy, Atl.	5	0	5	0	30
Manuel, Lionel, Giants	5	0	5	0	30
Moore, Alvin, Det.	5	4	1	0	30
Spagnola, John, Phil.	5	0	5	0	30
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	5	0	5	0	30
Adams, George, Giants	4	2	2	0	24
Anderson, Ottis, St. L.	4	4	0	0	24
Bavaro, Mark, Giants	4	0	4	0	24
Didier, Clint, Wash.	4	0	4	0	24
Epps, Phillip, G.B.	4	1	3	0	24
Ferrell, Earl, St. L.	4	2	2	0	24
Hunter, Tony, Rams	4	0	4	0	24
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B.	4	2	2	0	24
Jones, Mike, Minn.	4	0	4	0	24
Lofton, James, G.B.	4	0	4	0	24
Martin, Eric, N.O.	4	0	4	0	24
McMahon, Jim, Chi.	4	3	1	0	24
Nichols, Mark, Det.	4	0	4	0	24
Rice, Allen, Minn.	4	3	1	0	24
Rice, Jerry, S.F.	4	1	3	0	24
Thomas, Calvin, Chi.	4	4	0	0	24
Brenner, Hoby, N.O.	3	0	3	0	18
Carter, Gerald, T.B.	3	0	3	0	18
Chadwick, Jeff, Det.	3	0	3	0	18
Duckworth, Bobby, Rams	3	0	3	0	18
Francis, Russ, S.F.	3	0	3	0	18
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	3	2	0	1	18
Goodlow, Eugene, N.O.	3	0	3	0	18
Griffin, Keith, Wash.	3	3	0	0	18

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Lewis, David, Det.	3	0	3	0	18
Lewis, Leo, Minn.	3	0	3	0	18
Magee, Calvin, T.B.	3	0	3	0	18
Montana, Joe, S.F.	3	3	0	0	18
Newsome, Tim, Dall.	3	2	1	0	18
Perry, William, Chi.	3	2	1	0	18
White, Charles, Rams	3	3	0	0	18
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	3	1	2	0	18
Allen, Anthony, Atl.	2	0	2	0	12
Archer, David, Atl.	2	2	0	0	12
Bell, Jerry, T.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Brown, Charlie, Atl.	2	0	2	0	12
Cox, Arthur, Atl.	2	0	2	0	12
Dennard, Preston, G.B.	2	0	2	0	12
Ellerson, Gary, G.B.	2	2	0	0	12
Gajan, Hokie, N.O.	2	2	0	0	12
Gault, Willie, Chi.	2	0	1	1	12
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	2	0	2	0	12
Hardy, Larry, N.O.	2	0	2	0	12
Hipple, Eric, Det.	2	2	0	0	12
Hunter, Herman, Phil.	2	1	1	0	12
Jaworski, Ron, Phil.	2	2	0	0	12
Margerum, Ken, Chi.	2	0	2	0	12
Monk, Art, Wash.	2	0	2	0	12
Suhey, Matt, Chi.	2	1	1	0	12
Theismann, Joe, Wash.	2	2	0	0	12
Tice, John, N.O.	2	0	2	0	12
Warren, Frank, N.O.	2	0	0	2	12
Washington, Joe, Atl.	2	1	1	0	12
White, Danny, Dall.	2	1	1	0	12
Wilson, Mike, S.F.	2	0	2	0	12
Wilson, Otis, Chi.	1	0	0	1	*8
Armstrong, Adger, T.B.	1	0	1	0	6
Austin, Cliff, Atl.	1	0	0	1	6
Browner, Joey, Minn.	1	0	0	1	6
Campbell, Earl, N.O.	1	1	0	0	6
Cornwell, Fred, Dall.	1	0	1	0	6
Del Rio, Jack, N.O.	1	0	0	1	6
Dent, Richard, Chi.	1	0	0	1	6
Dickey, Lynn, G.B.	1	1	0	0	6
Douglass, Mike, G.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Duncan, Clyde, St. L.	1	0	1	0	6
Edwards, Herman, Phil.	1	0	0	1	6
Ekern, Carl, Rams	1	0	0	1	6
Ferguson, Joe, Det.	1	1	0	0	6
Frank, John, S.F.	1	0	1	0	6
Frazier, Leslie, Chi.	1	0	0	1	6
Galbreath, Tony, Giants	1	0	1	0	6
Gann, Mike, Atl.	1	0	0	1	6
Green, Gary, Rams	1	0	0	1	6
Harrington, Perry, St. L.	1	1	0	0	6
Hasselbeck, Don, Giants	1	0	1	0	6
Hebert, Bobby, N.O.	1	0	1	0	6
Hill, David, Rams	1	0	1	0	6
Hoage, Terry, N.O.	1	0	0	1	6
Hogeboom, Gary, Dall.	1	1	0	0	6
Holly, Bob, Atl.	1	1	0	0	6
Hopkins, Wes, Phil.	1	0	0	1	6
Irvin, LeRoy, Rams	1	0	0	1	6
Jackson, Kenny, Phil.	1	0	1	0	6
Jeffcoat, Jim, Dall.	1	0	0	1	6
Johnson, Johnnie, Rams	1	0	0	1	6
Lewis, Tim, G.B.	1	0	0	1	6
Little, David, Phil.	1	0	0	1	6
Lockhart, Eugene, Dall.	1	0	0	1	6
Mandley, Pete, Det.	1	0	0	1	6
Marsh, Doug, St. L.	1	0	1	0	6

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Martin, George, <i>Giants</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Matthews, Alama, <i>Atl.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
McColl, Milt, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
McConkey, Phil, <i>Giants</i>	1	0	1	0	6
McIntyre, Guy, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Merkens, Guido, <i>N.O.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Monroe, Carl, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Moore, Blake, <i>G.B.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Moorehead, Emery, <i>Chi.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Muhammad, Calvin, <i>Wash.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Mularkey, Mike, <i>Minn.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Murphy, Mark, <i>G.B.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Patterson, Elvis, <i>Giants</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Penn, Jesse, <i>Dall.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Poe, Johnnie, <i>N.O.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Rade, John, <i>Atl.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Richardson, Mike, <i>Chi.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Ring, Bill, <i>S.F.</i>	1	1	0	0	6
Rivera, Ron, <i>Chi.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Sanders, Thomas, <i>Chi.</i>	1	1	0	0	6
Scott, Victor, <i>Dall.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Smith, J.T., <i>St. L.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Solomon, Freddie, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Teal, Willie, <i>Minn.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Thurman, Dennis, <i>Dall.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Turner, Keena, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Warren, Don, <i>Wash.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Washington, Lionel, <i>St. L.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
West, Ed, <i>G.B.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Williamson, Carlton, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0	1	6
Wrightman, Tim, <i>Chi.</i>	1	0	1	0	6
Young, Steve, <i>T.B.</i>	1	1	0	0	6
Brown, Robert, <i>G.B.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Doss, Reggie, <i>Rams</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Elshire, Neil, <i>Minn.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Harty, John, <i>S.F.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
McMichael, Steve, <i>Chi.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Waechter, Henry, <i>Chi.</i>	0	0	0	0	*2
Bryan, Rick, <i>Atl.</i>	0	0	0	0	#1

*Safety (also team safety: Phil., S.L. & Wash.)

#Scored extra point + Scored touchdown

RUSHING

RECORDS:

Carries: 407, James Wilder, Tampa Bay (1984)

Yards: 2,105, Eric Dickerson, Los Angeles (1984)

TDs: 24, John Riggins, Washington (1983)

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Chicago.....	610	2761	4.5	140	27
Washington.....	571	2523	4.4	166	20
Atlanta.....	560	2466	4.4	50	14
N.Y. Giants.....	581	2451	4.2	165	24
San Francisco.....	477	2232	4.7	162	20
Green Bay.....	470	2208	4.7	80	16
L.A. Rams.....	503	2057	4.1	43	15
St. Louis.....	417	1974	4.7	64	14
Dallas.....	462	1741	3.8	160	11
New Orleans.....	431	1683	3.9	45	4
Tampa Bay.....	434	1644	3.8	28	11
Philadelphia.....	428	1630	3.8	174	8
Detroit.....	452	1538	3.4	29	13
Minnesota.....	406	1516	3.7	37	19
Riggins, Gerald, <i>Atl.</i>	397	1719	4.3	50	10
Payton, Walter, <i>Chi.</i>	324	1551	4.8	140	9
Morris, Joe, <i>Giants</i>	294	1336	4.5	165	21
Dorsett, Tony, <i>Dall.</i>	305	1307	4.3	160	7
Wilder, James, <i>T.B.</i>	365	1300	3.6	28	10
Dickerson, Eric, <i>Rams</i>	292	1234	4.2	43	12
Rogers, George, <i>Wash.</i>	231	1093	4.7	35	7
Craig, Roger, <i>S.F.</i>	214	1050	4.9	162	9
Jackson, Earnest, <i>Phil.</i>	282	1028	3.6	59	5
Mitchell, Stump, <i>St.L.</i>	183	1006	5.5	64	7
Nelson, Darrin, <i>Minn.</i>	200	893	4.5	37	5
Jones, James, <i>Det.</i>	244	886	3.6	29	6
Tyler, Wendell, <i>S.F.</i>	171	867	5.1	30	6
Riggins, John, <i>Wash.</i>	176	677	3.8	51	8
Wilson, Wayne, <i>N.O.</i>	168	645	3.8	141	1
Campbell, Earl, <i>N.O.</i>	158	643	4.1	45	1
Ivery, Eddie Lee, <i>G.B.</i>	132	636	4.8	34	2
Clark, Jessie, <i>G.B.</i>	147	633	4.3	80	5
Ellis, Gerry, <i>G.B.</i>	104	571	5.5	139	5
Adams, George, <i>Giants</i>	128	498	3.9	39	2

PUNTING

RECORDS:

Number: 114, Bob Parsons, Chicago (1981)

Average: 51.4 yards, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)

Longest: 94 yards, Joe Lintzenich, Chicago (1931)

	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP	RET	RET	YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Donnelly, Rick, <i>Atl.</i>	59	2574	68	43.6	5	0	33	260	18	37.5		
Hatcher, Dale, <i>Rams</i>	87	3761	67	43.2	6	1	43	297	32	38.0		
Landeta, Sean, <i>Giants</i>	81	3472	68	42.9	14	0	29	247	20	36.4		
Coleman, Greg, <i>Minn.</i>	67	2867	62	42.8	4	0	36	328	12	36.7		
Hansen, Brian, <i>N.O.</i>	89	3763	58	42.3	6	0	45	397	14	36.5		
Bulford, Maury, <i>Chi.</i>	68	2870	69	42.2	14	1	23	203	18	34.6		
Garcia, Frank, <i>T.B.</i>	77	3233	61	42.0	6	2	47	519	12	32.8		
Saxon, Mike, <i>Dall.</i>	81	3396	57	41.9	10	1	44	286	20	35.5		
Black, Mike, <i>Det.</i>	73	3054	60	41.8	5	0	44	420	17	34.7		
Cox, Steve, <i>Wash.</i>	52	2175	57	41.8	13	0	22	228	14	32.4		
Birdsong, Carl, <i>St.L.</i>	85	3545	67	41.7	8	2	51	456	20	33.7		
Horan, Mike, <i>Phil.</i>	91	3777	75	41.5	10	0	41	462	20	34.2		
Runager, Max, <i>S.F.</i>	86	3422	57	39.8	9	1	33	294	30	33.9		
Prokop, Joe, <i>G.B.</i>	56	2210	66	39.5	6	0	30	265	9	32.6		

NON-QUALIFIERS

Giacomarro, Ralph, <i>Atl.</i>	29	1157	52	39.9	2	0	19	157	1	33.1		
Bracken, Don, <i>G.B.</i>	26	1052	54	40.5	2	0	16	146	1	33.3		
Hayes, Jeff, <i>Wash.</i>	16	665	55	41.6	2	0	9	47	4	36.1		
Schroeder, Jay, <i>Wash.</i>	4	132	44	33.0	1	0	1	10	0	25.5		
Luckhurst, Mick, <i>Atl.</i>	1	26	26	26.0	0	0	0	0	1	26.0		
Theismann, Joe, <i>Wash.</i>	1	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0		
White, Danny, <i>Dall.</i>	1	43	43	43.0	1	0	0	0	0	23.0		

Leader based on gross average, minimum 40 punts

PASSING

RECORDS:

Completions: 347, Steve DeBerg, San Francisco (1979)

Touchdowns: 36, Y.A. Tittle, New York (1963)

Yards: 4,614, Neil Lomax, St. Louis (1984)

Longest for TD: 99 yards, Frank Filchock to Andy Farkas, Washington (1939)

99 yards, George Izo to Bobby Mitchell, Washington (1963)

99 yards, Karl Sweetan to Pat Studstill, Detroit (1966)

99 yards, Sonny Jurgensen to Gerry Allen, Washington (1968)

99 yards, Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick, Philadelphia (1985)

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT	PCT INT	RATING
Montana, Joe, <i>S.F.</i>	494	303	61.3	3653	7.39	27	5.5	73	13	2.6	91.3
McMahon, Jim, <i>Chi.</i>	313	178	56.9	2392	7.64	15	4.8	170	11	3.5	82.6
Brock, Dieter, <i>Rams</i>	365	218	59.7	2658	7.28	16	4.4	164	13	3.6	82.0
White, Danny, <i>Dall.</i>	450	267	59.3	3157	7.02	21	4.7	156	17	3.8	80.6
Lomax, Neil, <i>St. L.</i>	471	265	56.3	3214	6.82	18	3.8	47	12	2.5	79.5
Simms, Phil, <i>Giants</i>	495	275	55.6	3829	7.74	22	4.4	170	20	4.0	78.6
Hipple, Eric, <i>Det.</i>	406	223	54.9	2952	7.27	17	4.2	56	18	4.4	73.6
DeBerg, Steve, <i>T.B.</i>	370	197	53.2	2488	6.72	19	5.1	57	18	4.9	71.3
Dickey, Lynn, <i>G.B.</i>	314	172	54.8	2206	7.03	15	4.8	63	17	5.4	70.4
Jaworski, Ron, <i>Phil.</i>	484	255	52.7	3450	7.13	17	3.5	199	20	4.1	70.2
Kramer, Tommy, <i>Minn.</i>	506	277	54.7	3522	6.96	19	3.8	157	26	5.1	67.8
Wilson, Dave, <i>N.O.</i>	293	145	49.5	1843	6.29	11	3.8	50	15	5.1	60.7
Theismann, Joe, <i>Wash.</i>	301	167	55.5	1774	5.89	8	2.7	55	16	5.3	59.6
Archer, David, <i>Atl.</i>	312	161	51.6	1992	6.38	7	2.2	162	17	5.4	56.5
NON-QUALIFIERS (10 or more attempts)											
Bartkowski, Steve, <i>Atl.</i>	111	69	62.2	738	6.65	5	4.5	162	1	0.9	92.8
Hebert, Bobby, <i>N.O.</i>	181	97	53.6	1208	6.67	5	2.8	176	4	2.2	74.6
Schroeder, Jay, <i>Wash.</i>	209	112	53.6	1458	6.98	5	2.4	53	5	2.4	73.8
Holly, Bob, <i>Atl.</i>	39	24	61.5	295	7.56	1	2.6	44	2	5.1	72.1
Wilson, Wade, <i>Minn.</i>	60	33	55.0	404	6.73	3	5.0	142	3	5.0	71.8
Hogeboom, Gary, <i>Dall.</i>	126	70	55.6	978	7.76	5	4.0	158	7	5.6	70.8
Cavanaugh, Malt, <i>S.F.</i>	54	28	51.9	334	6.19	1	1.9	41	1	1.9	69.5
Ferguson, Joe, <i>Det.</i>	54	31	57.4	364	6.74	2	3.7	38	3	5.6	67.2
Wright, Randy, <i>G.B.</i>	74	39	52.7	552	7.46	2	2.7	38	4	5.4	63.6
Todd, Richard, <i>N.O.</i>	32	16	50.0	191	5.97	3	9.4	156	4	12.5	60.3
Zorn, Jim, <i>G.B.</i>	123	56	45.5	794	6.46	4	3.3	156	6	4.9	57.4
Fuller, Steve, <i>Chi.</i>	107	53	49.5	777	7.26	1	0.9	69	5	4.7	57.3
Young, Steve, <i>T.B.</i>	138	72	52.2	935	6.78	3	2.2	59	8	5.8	56.9
Kemp, Jeff, <i>Rams</i>	38	16	42.1	214	5.63	0	0.0	35	1	2.6	49.7
Bono, Steve, <i>Minn.</i>	10	1	10.0	5	0.50	0	0.0	5	0	0.0	39.6
Brunner, Scott, <i>St. L.</i>	60	30	50.0	336	5.60	1	1.7	140	6	10.0	33.1
Cunningham, Randall, <i>Phil.</i>	81	34	42.0	548	6.77	1	1.2	69	8	9.9	29.8

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD		ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Anderson, Ottis, <i>St.L.</i>	117	479	4.1	38	4	Gajan, Hokie, <i>N.O.</i>	50	251	5.0	26	2
Griffin, Keith, <i>Wash.</i>	102	473	4.6	166	3	Montgomery, Wilbert, <i>Det.</i>	75	251	3.3	22	0
Suhey, Matt, <i>Chi.</i>	115	471	4.1	17	1	Young, Steve, <i>T.B.</i>	40	233	5.8	20	1
Redden, Barry, <i>Rams</i>	87	380	4.4	41	0	Moore, Alvin, <i>Det.</i>	80	221	2.8	18	4
Archer, David, <i>Atl.</i>	70	347	5.0	129	2	Haddix, Michael, <i>Phil.</i>	67	213	3.2	12	0
Brown, Ted, <i>Minn.</i>	93	336	3.6	30	7	Washington, Joe, <i>Atl.</i>	52	210	4.0	14	1
White, Charles, <i>Rams</i>	70	310	4.4	32	3	Ferrell, Earl, <i>St.L.</i>	46	208	4.5	30	2
McMahon, Jim, <i>Chi.</i>	47	252	5.4	19	3	Cunningham, Randall, <i>Phil.</i>	29	205	7.1	37	0
Newsome, Tim, <i>Dall.</i>	88	252	2.9	15	2	Ellerson, Gary, <i>G.B.</i>	32	205	6.4	137	



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Carpenter, Rob, Giants	60	201	3.4	46	0
Galbreath, Tony, Giants	29	187	6.4	18	0
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	30	160	5.3	21	2
Montana, Joe, S.F.	42	153	3.6	16	3
Simms, Phil, Giants	37	132	3.6	28	0
Lomax, Neil, S.L.	32	125	3.9	23	0
Thomas, Calvin, Chi.	31	125	4.0	17	4
Anderson, Alfred, Minn.	50	121	2.4	10	4
Hunter, Herman, Phil.	27	121	4.5	174	1
Theismann, Joe, Wash.	25	115	4.6	25	2
Austin, Cliff, Atl.	20	110	5.5	17	0
Rice, Allen, Minn.	31	104	3.4	15	3
Sanders, Thomas, Chi.	25	104	4.2	28	1
Epps, Phillip, G.B.	5	103	20.6	34	1
Harmon, Derrick, S.F.	28	92	3.3	17	0
Hipple, Eric, Del.	32	89	2.8	26	2
Fuller, Steve, Chi.	24	77	3.2	13	5
Carthon, Maurice, Giants	27	70	2.6	12	0
Anthony, Tyrone, N.O.	17	65	3.8	13	0
Woffley, Ron, S.L.	24	64	2.7	11	0
Kramer, Tommy, Minn.	27	54	2.0	11	0
Springs, Ron, T.B.	16	54	3.4	11	0
Monk, Art, Wash.	7	51	7.3	16	0
Hogeboom, Gary, Dall.	8	48	6.0	15	1
Pridemore, Tom, Atl.	1	48	48.0	48	0
Cain, Lynn, Rams	11	46	4.2	9	0
Kane, Rick, Del.	11	44	4.0	7	0
White, Danny, Dall.	22	44	2.0	21	1
Harrington, Perry, St.L.	7	42	6.0	22	1
Wattelet, Frank, N.O.	2	42	21.0	23	0
Huckleby, Harlan, G.B.	8	41	5.1	15	0
Jenkins, Ken, Wash.	2	39	19.5	37	0
Brock, Dieter, Rams	20	38	1.9	13	0
Holly, Bob, Atl.	3	36	12.0	120	1
Smith, J.T., St.L.	3	36	12.0	30	0
Jaworski, Ron, Phil.	17	35	2.1	31	2
Lavette, Robert, Dall.	13	34	2.6	10	0
Guman, Mike, Rams	11	32	2.9	6	0
Schroeder, Jay, Wash.	17	30	1.8	14	0
DeBerg, Steve, T.B.	9	28	3.1	13	0
Hebert, Bobby, N.O.	12	26	2.2	8	0
Rice, Jerry, S.F.	6	26	4.3	115	1
Fowler, Todd, Dall.	7	25	3.6	6	0
Ring, Bill, S.F.	8	23	2.9	19	1
Gault, Willie, Chi.	5	18	3.6	11	0
Meade, Mike, Del.	3	18	6.0	9	0
Williams, Byron, Giants	2	18	9.0	17	0
Walker, Rick, Wash.	3	16	5.3	9	0
Nichols, Mark, Del.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Atkinson, Jess, Giants	1	14	14.0	114	1
Lofton, James, G.B.	4	14	3.5	21	0
Brown, Ron, Rams	2	13	6.5	9	0
Carter, Gerald, T.B.	1	13	13.0	13	0
Everett, Major, Phil.	4	13	3.3	8	0
Cooper, Earl, S.F.	2	12	6.0	14	0
Ferguson, Joe, Del.	4	12	3.0	15	1
Horan, Mike, Phil.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Clark, Gary, Wash.	2	10	5.0	7	0
Risher, Alan, T.B.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Bartkowski, Steve, Atl.	5	9	1.8	5	0
Zorn, Jim, G.B.	10	9	0.9	8	0
Brunner, Scott, St.L.	3	8	2.7	8	0
Ellard, Henry, Rams	3	8	2.7	16	0
Wonsley, Otis, Wash.	4	8	2.0	5	0
Wright, Randy, G.B.	8	8	1.0	8	0
Perry, William, Chi.	5	7	1.4	2	2
Wilson, Dave, N.O.	18	7	0.4	17	0
Armstrong, Adger, T.B.	2	6	3.0	8	0
Green, Darrell, Wash.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Jones, Mike, Minn.	2	6	3.0	6	0
Cavanaugh, Matt, S.F.	4	5	1.3	13	0
Warren, Don, Wash.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Fowler, Bobby, N.O.	2	4	2.0	3	0
Love, Randy, St.L.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	2	4	2.0	6	0
Goodlow, Eugene, N.O.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Oliver, Hubert, Phil.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Tomczak, Mike, Chi.	2	3	1.5	3	0
Whisenhunt, Ken, Atl.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Green, Roy, St.L.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Jones, A.J., Del.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Lewis, Leo, Minn.	1	2	2.0	2	0
Rouson, Lee, Giants	1	1	1.0	1	0
Black, Mike, Del.	1	0	0.0	0	0

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NOV. 3	L.A. RAMS AT CHICAGO
NOV. 9	L.A. RAIDERS AT DALLAS
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NOV. 15	PENN STATE AT NOTRE DAME
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NOV. 22	OKLAHOMA AT NEBRASKA
NOV. 24	N.Y. JETS AT MIAMI
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Jones, James, Dall.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kemp, Jeff, Rams	5	0	0.0	3	0
McKinnon, Dennis, Chi.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Prather, Guy, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
West, Ed, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Banks, Gordon, Dall.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Martin, Eric, N.O.	2	-1	-0.5	11	0
Merkens, Guido, N.O.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Pelluer, Steve, Dall.	3	-2	-0.7	1	0
Bailey, Stacey, Atl.	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
Dils, Steve, Rams	2	-4	-2.0	-2	0
Donnelly, Rick, Atl.	2	-5	-2.5	0	0
Hill, Tony, Dall.	1	-6	-6.0	-6	0
Rutledge, Jeff, Giants	2	-6	-3.0	-2	0
Margerum, Ken, Chi.	1	-7	-7.0	-7	0
Johnson, Billy, Atl.	8	-8	-1.0	6	0
Dickey, Lynn, G.B.	18	-12	-0.7	3	1

PASS RECEIVING

RECORDS

Receptions: 106, Art Monk, Washington (1984)

Yards: 1,555, Roy Green, St. Louis (1984)

TDs: 17, Don Hutson, Green Bay (1942)

17, Elroy Hirsch, Los Angeles (1951)

(5 or more receptions)	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Craig, Roger, S.F.	92	1016	11.0	73	6
Monk, Art, Wash.	91	1226	13.5	53	2
Hill, Tony, Dall.	74	1113	15.0	153	7
Quick, Mike, Phil.	73	1247	17.1	199	11
Clark, Gary, Wash.	72	926	12.9	55	5
Lofton, James, G.B.	69	1153	16.7	156	4
Jordan, Steve, Minn.	68	795	11.7	32	0
Cosbie, Doug, Dall.	64	793	12.4	42	6
Spagnola, John, Phil.	64	772	12.1	35	5
Johnson, Billy, Atl.	62	830	13.4	162	5
Renfro, Mike, Dall.	60	955	15.9	158	8
Ellard, Henry, Rams	54	811	15.0	164	5
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	54	705	13.1	149	10
Wilder, James, T.B.	53	341	6.4	20	0
Thompson, Leonard, Del.	51	736	14.4	48	5
Green, Roy, St. L.	50	693	13.9	47	5
Hunter, Tony, Rams	50	562	11.2	147	4
Rice, Jerry, S.F.	49	927	18.9	166	3
Manuel, Lionel, Giants	49	859	17.5	151	5
Tilley, Pat, St. L.	49	726	14.8	146	6
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	49	666	13.6	32	6
Payton, Walter, Chi.	49	483	9.9	65	2
Mitchell, Stump, St. L.	47	502	10.7	46	3
Jones, Mike, Minn.	46	641	13.9	144	4
Dorsett, Tony, Dall.	46	449	9.8	156	3
Newsome, Tim, Dall.	46	361	7.8	24	1
Jones, James, Del.	45	334	7.4	36	3
House, Kevin, T.B.	44	803	18.3	59	5
Epps, Phillip, G.B.	44	683	15.5	63	3
Francis, Russ, S.F.	44	478	10.9	25	3
Carter, Anthony, Minn.	43	821	19.1	157	8
Giles, Jimmie, T.B.	43	673	15.7	44	8
Smith, J.T., St. L.	43	581	13.5	34	1
Bell, Jerry, T.B.	43	496	11.5	27	2
Haddix, Michael, Phil.	43	330	7.7	17	0
Nelson, Darrin, Minn.	43	301	7.0	125	1
Brenner, Hoby, N.O.	42	652	15.5	30	3
Didier, Clint, Wash.	41	433	10.6	29	4
Jackson, Kenny, Phil.	40	692	17.3	54	1
Carter, Gerald, T.B.	40	557	13.9	40	3
Wilson, Wayne, N.O.	38	228	6.0	21	2
Bavaro, Mark, Giants	37	511	13.8	32	4
Marsh, Doug, St. L.	37	355	9.6	23	1
Washington, Joe, Atl.	37	328	8.9	34	1
Griffin, Keith, Wash.	37	285	7.7	28	0
Nichols, Mark, Del.	36	592	16.4	43	4
Martin, Eric, N.O.	35	522	14.9	50	4
Moorehead, Emery, Chi.	35	481	13.7	25	1
Gault, Willie, Chi.	33	704	21.3	170	1
Johnson, Bobby, Giants	33	533	16.2	42	8
Cox, Arthur, Atl.	33	454	13.8	162	2
Suhey, Matt, Chi.	33	295	8.9	35	1
Riggs, Gerald, Atl.	33	267	8.1	44	0
Goodlow, Eugene, N.O.	32	603	18.8	176	3
McKinnon, Dennis, Chi.	31	555	17.9	48	7
Adams, George, Giants	31	389	12.5	170	2
Bailey, Stacey, Atl.	30	364	12.1	31	0
Galbreath, Tony, Giants	30	327	10.9	49	1

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Brown, Ted, Minn.	30	291	9.7	154	3
Lewis, Leo, Minn.	29	442	15.2	143	3
Hill, David, Rams	29	271	9.3	37	1
Hunter, Herman, Phil.	28	405	14.5	43	1
Lewis, David, Del.	28	354	12.6	40	3
Ivery, Eddie Lee, G.B.	28	270	9.6	24	2
Anthony, Tyrone, N.O.	28	185	6.6	36	0
Magee, Calvin, T.B.	26	288	11.1	35	3
Chadwick, Jeff, Del.	25	478	19.1	56	3
Duckworth, Bobby, Rams	25	422	16.9	42	3
McConkey, Phil, Giants	25	404	16.2	48	1
Ferrell, Earl, St. L.	25	277	11.1	30	2
Solomon, Freddie, S.F.	25	259	10.4	39	1
Brown, Charlie, Atl.	24	412	17.2	48	2
Wrightman, Tim, Chi.	24	407	17.0	49	1
Tice, John, N.O.	24	266	11.1	139	2
Clark, Jessie, G.B.	24	252	10.5	155	2
Ellis, Gerry, G.B.	24	206	8.6	35	0
Jones, James, Dall.	24	179	7.5	35	0
Anderson, Otis, St. L.	23	225	9.8	43	0
Morris, Joe, Giants	22	212	9.6	17	0
Carpenter, Rob, Giants	20	162	8.1	23	0
Tyler, Wendell, S.F.	20	154	7.7	16	2
Dickerson, Eric, Rams	20	126	6.3	33	0
Moore, Alvin, Del.	19	154	8.1	14	1
Mandley, Pete, Del.	18	316	17.6	37	0
Margerum, Ken, Chi.	17	190	11.2	20	2
Anderson, Alfred, Minn.	16	175	10.9	154	1
Redden, Barry, Rams	16	162	10.1	32	0
Williams, Byron, Giants	15	280	18.7	45	0
Groth, Jeff, N.O.	15	238	15.9	156	2
Hardy, Larry, N.O.	15	208	13.9	31	2
Warren, Don, Wash.	15	163	10.9	19	1
Powe, Karl, Dall.	14	237	16.9	34	0
Brown, Ron, Rams	14	215	15.4	143	3
Allen, Anthony, Atl.	14	207	14.8	137	2
Young, Mike, Rams	14	157	11.2	23	0
Harmon, Derrick, S.F.	14	123	8.8	42	0
Mularkey, Mike, Minn.	13	196	15.1	151	1
Dennard, Preston, G.B.	13	182	14.0	34	2
Bell, Theo, T.B.	12	189	15.8	24	0
Bland, Carl, Del.	12	157	13.1	24	0
Johnson, Ron, Phil.	11	186	16.9	37	0
Wilson, Mike, S.F.	10	165	16.5	152	2
Jackson, Earnest, Phil.	10	126	12.6	25	1
Monroe, Carl, S.F.	10	51	5.1	9	0
Benson, Cliff, Atl.	10	37	3.7	6	0
LaFleur, Greg, St. L.	9	119	13.2	24	0
Muhammad, Calvin, Wash.	9	116	12.9	32	1
Rice, Allen, Minn.	9	61	6.8	13	1
West, Ed, G.B.	8	95	11.9	30	1
Gajan, Hokie, N.O.	8	87	10.9	22	0
Carthon, Maurice, Giants	8	81	10.1	22	0
White, Sammy, Minn.	8	76	9.5	15	0
Garrity, Gregg, Phil.	7	142	20.3	34	0
Little, David, Phil.	7	82	11.7	28	0
Scott, Lindsay, N.O.	7	61	8.7	15	0
Matthews, Allama, Atl.	7	57	8.1	15	1
Montgomery, Wilbert, Del.	7	55	7.9	28	0
Frank, John, S.F.	7	50	7.1	14	1
Campbell, Earl, N.O.	6	88	14.7	39	0
Cornwell, Fred, Dall.	6	77	12.8	32	1
Riggins, John, Wash.	6	18	3.0	8	0
Rhymes, Buster, Minn.	5	124	24.8	36	0
McDonald, James, Del.-Rams	5	81	16.2	35	0
Gentry, Dennis, Chi.	5	77	15.4	30	0
Hasselbeck, Don, Giants	5	71	14.2	30	1
Kane, Rick, Del.	5	56	11.2	18	0
Thomas, Calvin, Chi.	5	45	9.0	15	0
Fowler, Bobby, N.O.	5	43	8.6	11	0
Huckleby, Harlan, G.B.	5	27	5.4	8	0
Cain, Lynn, Rams	5	24	4.8	13	0
Fowler, Todd, Dall.	5	24	4.8	10	0

TOP 25 RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	YARDS	NO	AVG	LONG	TD
Quick, Mike, Phil.	1247	73	17.1	199	11
Monk, Art, Wash.	1226	91	13.5	53	2
Lofton, James, G.B.	1153	69	16.7	156	4
Hill, Tony, Dall.	1113	74	15.0	153	7
Craig, Roger, S.F.	1016	92	11.0	73	6
Renfro, Mike, Dall.	955	60	15.9	158	8
Rice, Jerry, S.F.	927	49	18.9	166	3
Clark, Gary, Wash.	926	72	12.9	55	5

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	YARDS	NO	AVG	LONG	TD
Manuel, Lionel, Giants	859	49	17.5	151	5
Johnson, Billy, Atl.	830	62	13.4	162	5
Carter, Anthony, Minn.	821	43	19.1	157	8
Ellard, Henry, Rams	811	54	15.0	164	5
House, Kevin, T.B.	803	44	18.3	59	5
Jordan, Steve, Minn.	795	68	11.7	32	0
Costle, Doug, Dall.	793	64	12.4	42	6
Spagnola, John, Phil.	772	64	12.1	35	5
Thompson, Leonard, Det.	736	51	14.4	48	5
Tilley, Pat, St.L.	726	49	14.8	146	6
Clark, Dwight, S.F.	705	54	13.1	149	10
Gault, Willie, Chi.	704	33	21.3	170	1
Green, Roy, St.L.	693	50	13.9	47	5
Jackson, Kenny, Phil.	692	40	17.3	54	1
Epps, Phillip, G.B.	683	44	15.5	63	3
Giles, Jimmie, T.B.	673	43	15.7	44	8
Coffman, Paul, G.B.	666	49	13.6	32	6

PUNT RETURNS

RECORDS:

Number: 70, Danny Reece, Tampa Bay (1979)

Yards: 646, Eddie Brown, Washington (1976)

Longest for TD: 98 yards

Gill Lefebvre, Cincinnati (1933)

Charlie West, Minnesota (1968)

Dennis Morgan, Dallas (1974)

	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Ellard, Henry, <i>Rams</i>	37	9	501	13.5	180	1
Smith, J.T., <i>St. L.</i>	26	10	283	10.9	31	0
Mandley, Pete, <i>Det.</i>	38	5	403	10.6	163	1
Jenkins, Ken, <i>Wash.</i>	26	9	272	10.5	28	0
Cooper, Evan, <i>Phil.</i>	43	10	364	8.5	56	0
McConkey, Phil, <i>Giants</i>	53	18	442	8.3	37	0
Taylor, Ken, <i>Chi.</i>	25	8	198	7.9	21	0
Bates, Bill, <i>Dall.</i>	22	6	152	6.9	21	0
McLemore, Dana, <i>S.F.</i>	38	14	258	6.8	22	0
Allen, Anthony, <i>Atl.</i>	21	8	141	6.7	23	0

NON-QUALIFIERS (2 or more)

Ortega, Keith, Chi.	17	2	158	9.3	23	0
Tullie, Willie, N.O.	17	6	141	8.3	17	0
Green, Darrell, Wash.	16	0	214	13.4	37	0
Nelson, Darrin, Minn.	16	3	133	8.3	21	0
Epps, Phillip, G.B.	15	3	146	9.7	46	0
Gonzalez, Speedy, Dall.	15	5	58	3.9	13	0
Stanley, Walter, G.B.	14	3	179	12.8	27	0
Prior, Mike, T.B.	13	7	105	8.1	19	0
Bright, Leon, T.B.	12	2	124	10.3	29	0
Mitchell, Stump, St.L.	11	2	97	8.8	21	0
Johnson, Billy, Atl.	10	0	82	8.2	18	0
Carter, Anthony, Minn.	9	5	117	13.0	41	0
Martin, Eric, N.O.	8	10	53	6.6	13	0
Flynn, Tom, G.B.	7	4	41	5.9	13	0
Duerson, Dave, Chi.	6	0	47	7.8	11	0
McKinnon, Dennis, Chi.	4	0	44	11.0	17	0
Cherry, Raphael, Wash.	4	1	22	5.5	9	0
Roaches, Carl, N.O.	4	2	21	5.3	10	0
Banks, Gordon, Dall.	3	3	27	9.0	28	0
Nelson, Lee, St. L.	2	0	14	7.0	8	0
Maness, James, Chi.	2	0	9	4.5	5	0

INTERCEPTIONS

RECORDS:

Number: 14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)

Yards: 301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)

Longest return: 102 yards

Bob Smith, Detroit (1949)

Erich Barnes, New York (1961)

TDs: 3, Dick Lynch, New York (1963)

3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)

3, Monte Jackson, Los Angeles (1976)

3, Rod Perry, Los Angeles (1976)

3, Ronnie Lott, San Francisco (1981)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Walls, Everson, Dall.	9	31	3.4	19	0
Castille, Jeremiah, T.B.	7	49	7.0	20	0
Frazier, Leslie, Chi.	6	119	19.8	33	1
Patterson, Elvis, Giants	6	88	14.7	129	1
Green, Gary, Rams	6	84	14.0	141	1
Irvin, LeRoy, Rams	6	83	13.8	134	1
Lott, Ronnie, S.F.	6	68	11.3	25	0
Waymer, Dave, N.O.	6	49	8.2	28	0
Hopkins, Wes, Phil.	6	36	6.0	124	1

I = touchdown

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Junior, E.J., <i>St.L.</i>	5	109	21.8	53	0
Kinard, Terry, <i>Giants</i>	5	100	20.0	31	0
Johnson, Johnnie, <i>Rams</i>	5	96	19.2	46	1
Jordan, Curtis, <i>Wash</i>	5	88	17.6	36	0
Turner, John, <i>Minn</i>	5	62	12.4	25	0
Duerson, Dave, <i>Chi.</i>	5	53	10.6	20	0
Fencik, Gary, <i>Chi.</i>	5	43	8.6	22	0
Thurman, Dennis, <i>Dall.</i>	5	21	4.2	121	1
Greenwood, David, <i>T.B.</i>	5	15	3.0	7	0
Watkins, Bobby, <i>Del.</i>	5	15	3.0	8	0
Dean, Vernon, <i>Wash.</i>	5	8	1.6	8	0
Butler, Bobby, <i>Atl.</i>	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
Richardson, Mike, <i>Chi.</i>	4	174	43.5	90	1
Hoage, Terry, <i>N.O.</i>	4	79	19.8	152	1
Case, Scott, <i>Atl.</i>	4	78	19.5	47	0
Hicks, Dwight, <i>S.F.</i>	4	68	17.0	25	0
Fellows, Ron, <i>Dall.</i>	4	52	13.0	29	0
Ellis, Ray, <i>Phil.</i>	4	32	8.0	18	0
Marshall, Wilber, <i>Chi.</i>	4	23	5.8	14	0
Bates, Bill, <i>Dall.</i>	4	15	3.8	8	0
Lewis, Tim, <i>G.B.</i>	4	4	1.0	4	0
Williamson, Carlton, <i>S.F.</i>	3	137	45.7	82	1
Lee, Carl, <i>Minn.</i>	3	68	22.7	35	0
Poe, Johnnie, <i>N.O.</i>	3	63	21.0	140	1
Johnson, Demetrius, <i>Del.</i>	3	39	13.0	19	0
Wilson, Otis, <i>Chic.</i>	3	35	11.7	123	1
Cason, Wendell, <i>Atl.</i>	3	30	10.0	22	0
Taylor, Ken, <i>Chi.</i>	3	28	9.3	18	0
Graham, William, <i>Del.</i>	3	22	7.3	22	0
Newsome, Vince, <i>Rams</i>	3	20	6.7	20	0
Clinkscale, Dexter, <i>Dall.</i>	3	16	5.3	11	0
Downs, Michael, <i>Dall.</i>	3	11	3.7	11	0
Kaulman, Mel, <i>Wash.</i>	3	10	3.3	10	0
Edwards, Herman, <i>Phil.</i>	3	8	2.7	13	1
Teal, Willie, <i>Minn.</i>	3	6	2.0	6	0
Young, Lonnie, <i>St. L.</i>	3	0	0.0	0	0
Douglass, Mike, <i>G.B.</i>	2	126	63.0	160	1
Smith, Leonard, <i>St.L.</i>	2	73	36.5	67	0
Newton, Tim, <i>Minn.</i>	2	63	31.5	63	0
Ekern, Carl, <i>Rams</i>	2	55	27.5	133	1
Murphy, Mark, <i>G.B.</i>	2	50	25.0	150	1
Scott, Randy, <i>G.B.</i>	2	50	25.0	30	0
Pridemore, Tom, <i>Atl.</i>	2	45	22.5	36	0
Rade, John, <i>Atl.</i>	2	42	21.0	138	1
Milot, Rich, <i>Wash.</i>	2	33	16.5	22	0
Hill, Ken, <i>Giants</i>	2	30	15.0	30	0
Cherry, Raphael, <i>Wash.</i>	2	29	14.5	22	0
Williams, Perry, <i>Giants</i>	2	28	14.0	28	0
Bess, Rufus, <i>Minn.</i>	2	27	13.5	27	0
Greene, Tiger, <i>Atl.</i>	2	27	13.5	27	0
Scott, Victor, <i>Dall.</i>	2	26	13.0	126	1
Tullie, Willie, <i>N.O.</i>	2	22	11.0	22	0
Peters, Tony, <i>Wash.</i>	2	21	10.5	12	0
Studwell, Scott, <i>Minn.</i>	2	20	10.0	13	0
Browner, Joey, <i>Minn.</i>	2	17	8.5	115	1
McNorton, Bruce, <i>Del.</i>	2	14	7.0	10	0
Cooper, Evan, <i>Phil.</i>	2	13	6.5	13	0
Del Rio, Jack, <i>N.O.</i>	2	13	6.5	11	0
Dent, Richard, <i>Chi.</i>	2	10	5.0	9	1
Mack, Cedric, <i>St. L.</i>	2	10	5.0	10	0
Collins, Jim, <i>Rams</i>	2	8	4.0	4	0
Fox, Tim, <i>Rams</i>	2	8	4.0	8	0
Welch, Herb, <i>Giants</i>	2	8	4.0	8	0
Headen, Andy, <i>Giants</i>	2	7	3.5	7	0
Cromwell, Nolan, <i>Rams</i>	2	5	2.5	5	0
Anderson, John, <i>G.B.</i>	2	2	1.0	2	0
Green, Darrell, <i>Wash.</i>	2	0	0.0	0	0
Wattelet, Frank, <i>N.O.</i>	2	0	0.0	0	0
Jeffcoat, Jim, <i>Dall.</i>	1	65	65.0	165	1
Martin, George, <i>Giants</i>	1	56	56.0	156	1
Kovach, Jim, <i>N.O.</i>	1	53	53.0	53	0
Washington, Lionel, <i>St. L.</i>	1	48	48.0	148	1
Shell, Todd, <i>S.F.</i>	1	33	33.0	33	0
Kraynak, Rich, <i>Phil.</i>	1	26	26.0	26	0
Browner, Keith, <i>T.B.</i>	1	25	25.0	25	0
Redd, Glen, <i>N.O.</i>	1	25	25.0	25	0
Lee, Mark, <i>G.B.</i>	1	23	23.0	23	0
Singletary, Mike, <i>Chi.</i>	1	23	23.0	23	0
Davis, Jeff, <i>T.B.</i>	1	22	22.0	22	0
Olkewicz, Neal, <i>Wash.</i>	1	21	21.0	21	0
Frye, David, <i>Atl.</i>	1	20	20.0	20	0
Harrell, James, <i>Del.</i>	1	20	20.0	20	0
Sully, Ivory, <i>T.B.</i>	1	20	20.0	20	0
Lockhart, Eugene, <i>Dall.</i>	1	19	19.0	119	1

1=touchdown

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Bunz, Dan, <i>Del.</i>	1	17	17.0	17	0
Mullaney, Mark, <i>Minn.</i>	1	15	15.0	15	0
Johnson, Cecil, <i>T.B.</i>	1	12	12.0	12	0
Reasons, Gary, <i>Giants</i>	1	10	10.0	10	0
Reichenbach, Mike, <i>Phil.</i>	1	10	10.0	10	0
Wilburn, Barry, <i>Wash.</i>	1	10	10.0	10	0
Currier, Bill, <i>Giants</i>	1	9	9.0	9	0
Britt, James, <i>Atl.</i>	1	8	8.0	8	0
Flynn, Tom, <i>G.B.</i>	1	7	7.0	7	0
Gay, William, <i>Del.</i>	1	7	7.0	7	0
Hegman, Mike, <i>Dall.</i>	1	7	7.0	7	0
Doleman, Chris, <i>Minn.</i>	1	5	5.0	5	0
Fuller, Jeff, <i>S.F.</i>	1	4	4.0	4	0
Rivera, Ron, <i>Chi.</i>	1	4	4.0	4	0
Frizzell, William, <i>Del.</i>	1	3	3.0	3	0
Holt, John, <i>T.B.</i>	1	3	3.0	3	0
Marshall, Leonard, <i>Giants</i>	1	3	3.0	3	0
Pitts, Mike, <i>Atl.</i>	1	1	1.0	1	0
Cade, Mossy, <i>G.B.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Curry, Buddy, <i>Atl.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Holt, Issiac, <i>Minn.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
McLemore, Dana, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Randle, Ervin, <i>T.B.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Walter, Mike, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Watts, Ted, <i>Giants</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wilcher, Mike, <i>Rams</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wright, Eric, <i>S.F.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Young, Roynell, <i>Phil.</i>	1	0	0.0	0	0
Barnes, Roosevelt, <i>Del.</i>	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0

KICKOFF RETURNS
RECORDS:
Number: 60, Drew Hill, Los Angeles (1981)
Yards: 1,345, Buster Rhymes, Minnesota (1985)
Longest: 106 yards
Al Carmichael, Green Bay (1956)
Roy Green, St. Louis (1979)
TDs: 4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967)
4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Brown, Ron, <i>Rams</i>	28	918	32.8	198	3
Gault, Willie, <i>Chi.</i>	22	577	26.2	199	1
Monroe, Carl, <i>S.F.</i>	28	717	25.6	195	1
Rhymes, Buster, <i>Minn.</i>	53	1345	25.4	88	0
Jenkins, Ken, <i>Wash.</i>	41	1018	24.8	95	0
Hall, Alvin, <i>Del.</i>	39	886	22.7	54	0
Freeman, Phil, <i>T.B.</i>	48	1085	22.6	58	0
Hunter, Herman, <i>Phil.</i>	48	1047	21.8	51	0
Austin, Cliff, <i>Atl.</i>	39	838	21.5	194	1
Anthony, Tyrone, <i>N.O.</i>	23	476	20.7	52	0
Tullie, Willie, <i>N.O.</i>	23	470	20.4	62	0
Harmon, Derrick, <i>S.F.</i>	23	467	20.3	37	0
Lavette, Robert, <i>Dall.</i>	34	682	20.1	34	0
Duncan, Clyde, <i>St.L.</i>	28	550	19.6	34	0
Ellerson, Gary, <i>G.B.</i>	29	521	18.0	32	0
NON-QUALIFIERS (5 or more)					
Mitchell, Stump, <i>St.L.</i>	19	345	18.2	35	0
Gentry, Dennis, <i>Chi.</i>	18	466	25.9	194	1
White, Charles, <i>Rams</i>	17	300	17.6	32	0
Martin, Eric, <i>N.O.</i>	15	384	25.6	69	0
Adams, George, <i>Giants</i>	14	241	17.2	29	0
Wagoner, Danny, <i>Atl.</i>	13	262	20.2	34	0
Ellis, Gerry, <i>G.B.</i>	13	247	19.0	40	0
Wolfley, Ron, <i>St.L.</i>	13	234	18.0	28	0
Moore, Alvin, <i>Del.</i>	13	230	17.7	24	0
Epps, Phillip, <i>G.B.</i>	12	279	23.3	48	0
McConkey, Phil, <i>Giants</i>	12	234	19.5	43	0
Bright, Leon, <i>T.B.</i>	11	213	19.4	47	0
Hill, Ken, <i>Giants</i>	11	186	16.9	27	0
Jones, A.J., <i>Del.</i>	10	226	22.6	30	0
Prior, Mike, <i>T.B.</i>	10	131	13.1	27	0
Stanley, Walter, <i>G.B.</i>	9	212	23.6	36	0
Duckett, Kenny, <i>Dall.</i>	9	173	19.2	25	0
Jones, James, <i>Dall.</i>	9	161	17.9	26	0
Allen, Anthony, <i>Atl.</i>	8	140	17.5	26	0
Griffin, Keith, <i>Wash.</i>	7	142	20.3	35	0
Galbreath, Tony, <i>Giants</i>	7	120	17.1	37	0
Mandley, Pete, <i>Del.</i>	6	152	25.3	35	0
Morton, Michael, <i>Wash.</i>	6	131	21.8	27	0
Williams, John, <i>Dall.</i>	6	129	21.5	30	0
Cain, Lynn, <i>Rams</i>	6	115	19.2	28	0
Springs, Ron, <i>T.B.</i>	5	112	22.4	34	0
Smith, Leonard, <i>St.L.</i>	5	68	13.6	26	0

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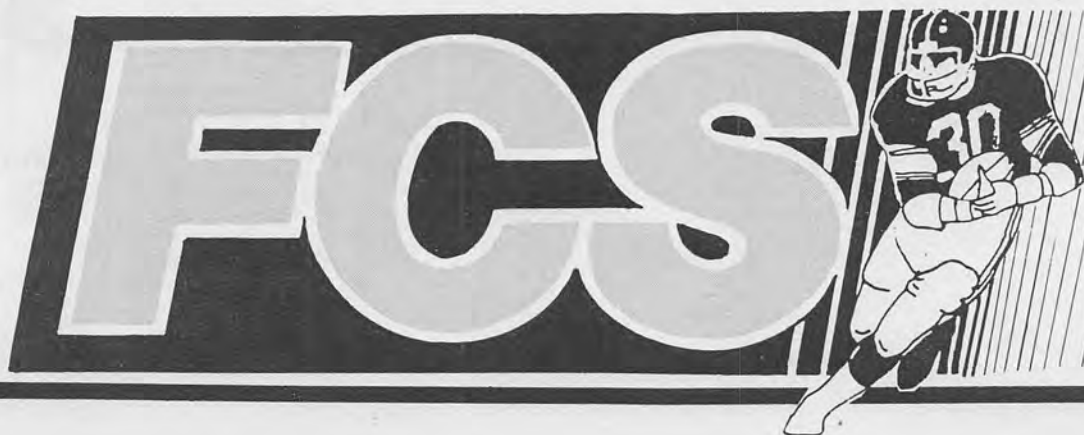
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League: 000001 Le Sueur Football League Date: 10/05/85
 Team: 01 Dort's Irish Mafia Week: 06
 Owner: Dan Dougherty

THIS WEEK IN THE LE SUEUR FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

CHARLIES
 CHARLIES CHARGERS Lost to Vic's Vikings 28 to 34
 DORT'S IRISH MAFIA won over Paulsen's Patriots 28 to 20
 DAVE'S DEMONS won over Jimmie's Jets 30 to 28
 BOB'S BEARS won over Lou's Lions 40 to 28
 TONY'S TIGERS won over Gary's Goons 32 to 18

BOB'S BEARS WON HIGH POINT TOTAL WITH 40 POINTS

ACCUMULATED TEAM STATISTICS

	TOTAL PTS.	HIGH POINT WINS	WIN	LOSS	TIE
Dort's Irish Mafia	186	1	2	3	1
Paulsen's Patriots	201		5	1	
Gary's Goons	177		4	2	
Vic's Vikings	124		3	3	
Lou's Lions	186		4	2	
Jimmie's Jets	186		3	3	
Tony's Tigers	219	2	6	0	
Dave's Demons	174		1	5	
Bob's Bears	177	1	2	4	
Charlie's Chargers	186	1	3	2	1

DORT'S IRISH MAFIA PLAYERS

	pts.	code	pos	name
starter		001	k	Lowery
starter	7	002	rb	Dickerson
starter	14	004	rb	Bell
starter	7	006	wr	Brown
starter		011	wr	Largeant
starter		003	te	Newsome
starter		013	qb	McMahon
defense	6	007	def	San Francisco
bench		015	wr	McKinnon
bench	6	010	rb	Mitchell
bench	12	008	qb	Eason
bench	9	012	wr	Ramsey
bench		007	rb	Tyler

team #1 traded Pagel for McMahon
 team #1 traded Dorsett for Bell
 team #2 traded McMahon for Kreig
 team #4 traded Minnesota for Dallas

PAULSEN'S PATRIOTS PLAYERS

	pts.	code	pos	name
	4	017	qb	Kreig
	6	018	wr	Lipps
		019	rb	Paige
	6	020	rb	Morris
	6	021	wr	Stallworth
	4	022	k	Franklin
		023	te	Shuler
		029	def	Chicago
	6	024	rb	Craig
	6	025	wr	Clayton
		026	wr	Quick
		027	rb	Dorsett
	4	028	qb	Theisman

team #1 traded Allegre for Newsome
 team #2 traded McKinnon for Quick
 team #3 traded Kreig for Pagel
 team #5 traded Newsome for Allegre

COMPLETE WEEKLY
TEAM RESULTS

HIGH POINT TEAM
WINNER

ACCUMULATIVE
HIGH POINT WINS

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RECORDS:

Points: 155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)

Touchdowns: 23, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1975)

Field goals: 34, Jim Turner, New York (1968)

Extra points: 66, Uwe von Schamann, Miami (1984)

SCORING

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	SAF	POINTS
San Diego	60	20	37	3	53	59	18	28	0	467
Cincinnati	53	20	31	2	49	53	24	33	1	441
Miami	52	19	31	2	50	52	22	27	0	428
N.Y. Jets	45	18	25	2	43	45	26	34	1	393
Denver	45	20	23	2	41	44	23	38	0	380
Pittsburgh	40	14	23	3	40	40	33	42	0	379
New England	41	15	20	6	40	41	24	30	2	362
L.A. Raiders	42	18	20	4	40	42	20	32	1	354
Seattle	44	9	28	7	41	44	14	25	1	349
Indianapolis	39	22	15	2	36	39	16	26	1	320
Kansas City	35	10	23	2	35	35	24	27	0	317
Cleveland	35	16	17	2	35	35	14	18	0	287
Houston	32	13	18	1	29	32	21	27	0	284
Buffalo	23	13	9	1	23	23	13	17	0	200

KICKERS

	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	PTS
Anderson, Gary, Pitt.	40	40	33	42	139
Leahy, Pat, Jets	43	45	26	34	121
Breech, Jim, Cin.	48	50	24	33	120
Revez, Fuad, Mia.	50	52	22	27	116
Franklin, Tony, N.E.	40	41	24	30	112
Karlis, Rich, Den.	41	44	23	38	110
Lowery, Nick, K.C.	35	35	24	27	107
Thomas, Bob, S.D.	51	55	18	28	105
Bahr, Chris, Raiders	40	42	20	32	100
Zendejas, Tony, Hou.	29	31	21	27	92
Allegre, Raul, Ind.	36	39	16	26	84
Johnson, Norm, Sea.	40	41	14	25	82
Bahr, Matt, Clev.	35	35	14	18	77
Norwood, Scott, Buff.	23	23	13	17	62
Benirschke, Rolf, S.D.	2	2	0	0	2

NON-KICKERS

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	15	1	12	2	90
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	14	11	3	0	84
Davenport, Ron, Mia.	13	11	2	0	78
Turner, Daryl, Sea.	13	0	13	0	78
Brooks, James, Cin.	12	7	5	0	72
Byner, Earnest, Clev.	10	8	2	0	60
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	10	0	10	0	60
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	10	1	7	2	60
Kinnebrew, Larry, Cin.	10	9	1	0	60
Mack, Kevin, Clev.	10	7	3	0	60
Paige, Stephane, K.C.	10	0	10	0	60
Paige, Tony, Jets	10	8	2	0	60
Spencer, Tim, S.D.	10	10	0	0	60
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt.	9	7	2	0	54
Bell, Greg, Buff.	9	8	1	0	54
Hill, Drew, Hou.	9	0	9	0	54
Warner, Curt, Sea.	9	8	1	0	54
Brown, Eddie, Cin.	8	0	8	0	48
James, Lionel, S.D.	8	2	6	0	48
Rozier, Mike, Hou.	8	8	0	0	48
Winder, Sammy, Den.	8	8	0	0	48

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Anderson, Gary, S.D.	7	4	2	1	42
Holman, Rodney, Cin.	7	0	7	0	42
James, Craig, N.E.	7	5	2	0	42
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	7	0	7	0	42
Lang, Gene, Den.	7	5	2	0	42
McMillan, Randy, Ind.	7	7	0	0	42
Moore, Nat, Mia.	7	0	7	0	42
Shuler, Mickey, Jets	7	0	7	0	42
Largent, Steve, Sea.	6	0	6	0	#37
Beach, Pat, Ind.	6	0	6	0	36
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	6	0	6	0	36
Heard, Herman, K.C.	6	4	2	0	36
Hector, Johnny, Jets	6	6	0	0	36
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	6	5	1	0	36
Sievers, Eric, S.D.	6	0	6	0	36
Wonsley, George, Ind.	6	6	0	0	36
Walker, Wesley, Jets	5	0	5	0	*32
Capers, Wayne, Ind.	5	1	4	0	30
Collins, Tony, N.E.	5	3	2	0	30
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	5	0	5	0	30
Hester, Jessie, Raiders	5	1	4	0	30
McNeil, Freeman, Jets	5	3	2	0	30
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	5	0	5	0	30
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	5	0	5	0	30
Reed, Andre, Buff.	5	1	4	0	30
Sewell, Steve, Den.	5	4	1	0	30
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	5	0	5	0	30
Watson, Steve, Den.	5	0	5	0	30
Williams, Dokie, Raiders	5	0	5	0	30
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou.	5	1	4	0	30
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	4	0	4	0	24
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	4	0	4	0	24
Hardy, Bruce, Mia.	4	0	4	0	24
Hawkins, Frank, Raiders	4	4	0	0	24
Horton, Ethan, K.C.	4	3	1	0	24
Jennings, Stanford, Cin.	4	1	3	0	24
Rose, Joe, Mia.	4	0	4	0	24
Sampson, Clinton, Den.	4	0	4	0	24
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	4	0	4	0	24

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Willhite, Gerald, Den.	4	3	1	0	24
Duper, Mark, Mia.	3	0	3	0	18
Erenberg, Rich, Pitt.	3	0	3	0	18
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia.	3	3	0	0	18
Holohan, Pete, S.D.	3	0	3	0	18
Johnson, Butch, Den.	3	0	3	0	18
Johnson, Dan, Mia.	3	0	3	0	18
Johnson, Vance, Den.	3	0	3	0	18
Jones, Cedric, N.E.	3	0	2	1	18
Kay, Clarence, Den.	3	0	3	0	18
McGee, Buford, S.D.	3	3	0	0	18
Moriarty, Larry, Hou.	3	3	0	0	18
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	3	3	0	0	18
Toon, Al, Jets	3	0	3	0	18
Walker, Byron, Sea.	3	0	2	1	18
Weathers, Clarence, Clev.	3	0	3	0	18
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	2	2	0	0	12
Banks, Fred, Clev.	2	0	2	0	12
Bendross, Jesse, S.D.	2	0	2	0	12
Bentley, Albert, Ind.	2	2	0	0	12
Bouza, Matt, Ind.	2	0	2	0	12
Butler, Jerry, Buff.	2	0	2	0	12
Butler, Raymond, Ind.	2	0	2	0	12
Gill, Owen, Ind.	2	2	0	0	12
Green, Jacob, Sea.	2	0	0	2	12
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	2	2	0	0	12
Hancock, Anthony, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Kiever, Rocky, Jets	2	0	2	0	12
Pagel, Mike, Ind.	2	2	0	0	12
Pruitt, Mike, K.C.	2	2	0	0	12
Ross, Dan, Sea.	2	0	2	0	12
Smith, Jeff, K.C.	2	0	2	0	12
Smith, Tim, Hou.	2	0	2	0	12
Tatupu, Mosi, N.E.	2	2	0	0	12
Taylor, Terry, Sea.	2	0	0	2	12
Wilson, Marc, Raiders	2	2	0	0	12
Woodley, David, Pitt.	2	2	0	0	12
Young, Charlie, Sea.	2	0	2	0	12
Alzado, Lyle, Raiders	1	0	0	1	*8
Kreider, Steve, Cin.	1	0	1	0	#7
Adams, Curtis, S.D.	1	1	0	0	6
Akiu, Mike, Hou.	1	0	0	1	6
Arnold, Walt, K.C.	1	0	1	0	6
Baldwin, Tom, Jets	1	0	0	1	6
Bennett, Woody, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Bligen, Dennis, Jets	1	1	0	0	6
Brennan, Brian, Clev.	1	0	0	1	6
Brown, Dave, Sea.	1	0	0	1	6
Brudzinski, Bob, Mia.	1	0	0	1	6
Cherry, Deron, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Clayborn, Ray, N.E.	1	0	0	1	6
Cribs, Joe, Buff.	1	1	0	0	6
Dale, Jeffery, S.D.	1	0	0	1	6
Dressel, Chris, Hou.	1	0	1	0	6
Eason, Tony, N.E.	1	1	0	0	6
Edwards, Stan, Hou.	1	1	0	0	6
Esiason, Boomer, Cin.	1	1	0	0	6
Ferragamo, Vince, Buff.	1	1	0	0	6
Glenn, Kerry, Jets	1	0	0	1	6
Greene, Danny, Sea.	1	0	1	0	6
Griffin, James, Cin.	1	0	0	1	6
Gross, Al, Clev.	1	0	0	1	6
Harden, Mike, Den.	1	0	0	1	6
Harris, M.L., Cin.	1	0	1	0	6

	TD	TDR	TDP	TDM	PTS
Hawthorne, Greg, N.E.	1	0	1	0	6
Hayes, Jonathan, K.C.	1	0	1	0	6
Hayes, Lester, Raiders	1	0	0	1	6
Heflin, Vince, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Hendy, John, S.D.	1	0	0	1	6
Holt, Harry, Clev.	1	0	1	0	6
Jackson, Robert, Cin.	1	0	0	1	6
Jensen, Jim, Mia.	1	0	1	0	6
Johnson, Trumaine, S.D.	1	0	1	0	6
Judson, William, Mia.	1	0	0	1	6
Junkin, Trey, Raiders	1	0	1	0	6
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	1	1	0	0	6
Koffler, Matt, Ind.	1	1	0	0	6
Kosar, Bernie, Clev.	1	1	0	0	6
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	1	1	0	0	6
Lewis, Albert, K.C.	1	0	0	1	6
Malone, Mark, Pitt.	1	1	0	0	6
Marlin, Robbie, Ind.	1	0	0	1	6
Mathison, Bruce, Buff.	1	1	0	0	6
McCloskey, Mike, Hou.	1	0	1	0	6
Merriman, Sam, Sea.	1	0	0	1	6
Merrweather, Mike, Pitt.	1	0	0	1	6
Metzelaars, Pete, Buff.	1	0	1	0	6
Middleton, Frank, Ind.	1	1	0	0	6
Moore, Booker, Buff.	1	1	0	0	6
Ramsey, Derrick, N.E.	1	0	1	0	6
Ramson, Eason, Buff.	1	0	1	0	6
Rembert, Johnny, N.E.	1	0	0	1	6
Seale, Sam, Raiders	1	0	0	1	6
Skansi, Paul, Sea.	1	0	1	0	6
Smith, Jim, Raiders	1	0	1	0	6
Thompson, Weegie, Pitt.	1	0	1	0	6
Tippett, Andre, N.E.	1	0	0	1	6
Toran, Stacey, Raiders	1	0	0	1	6
Weathers, Robert, N.E.	1	1	0	0	6
Williams, Jamie, Hou.	1	0	1	0	6
Williams, Oliver, Ind.	1	0	1	0	6
Wilson, Don, Buff.	1	0	0	1	6
Wright, James, Den.	1	0	1	0	6
Wright, Louis, Den.	1	0	0	1	6
Young, Anthony, Ind.	1	0	0	1	6
Young, Glen, Clev.	1	0	1	0	6
Blackmann, Don, N.E.	0	0	0	0	4
Browner, Ross, Cin.	0	0	0	0	*2
Randle, Tate, Ind.	0	0	0	0	*2

**2 Safeties *Safety (also team safety; Seattle)
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RUSHING

RECORDS

Carries: 380, Marcus Allen, Los Angeles, (1985)
Yards: 2,003, D.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1973)
TDs: 19, Earl Campbell, Houston (1979)
19, Chuck Muncie, San Diego (1981)

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Indianapolis	485	2439	5.0	67	22
New England	565	2331	4.1	165	15
N.Y. Jets	564	2312	4.1	69	18
Cleveland	533	2285	4.3	61	16
L.A. Raiders	532	2262	4.3	161	18
Cincinnati	503	2183	4.3	39	20
Pittsburgh	541	2177	4.0	56	14
Denver	497	1851	3.7	42	20
Miami	444	1729	3.9	33	19
San Diego	440	1665	3.8	156	20
Seattle	462	1644	3.6	38	9
Buffalo	412	1611	3.9	177	13
Houston	428	1570	3.7	43	13
Kansas City	428	1486	3.5	54	10

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	380	1759	4.6	161	11
McNeil, Freeman, Jets	294	1331	4.5	69	3
James, Craig, N.E.	263	1227	4.7	165	5
Mack, Kevin, Clev.	222	1104	5.0	61	7
Warner, Curt, Sea.	291	1094	3.8	38	8
Byner, Earnest, Clev.	244	1002	4.1	36	8
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	233	991	4.3	56	3
Brooks, James, Cin.	192	929	4.8	39	7
Bell, Greg, Buff.	223	883	4.0	177	8
McMillan, Randy, Ind.	190	858	4.5	38	7
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt.	227	851	3.7	132	7

RECORDS:

Number: 105, Bob Scarpitto, Denver (1967)
Average: 46.2 yards, Dave Lewis, Cincinnati (1970)
Longest: 98 yards, Steve O'Neal, New York (1969)

	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Stark, Rohn, Ind.	78	3584	68	45.9	14	2	43	572	12	34.2
Roby, Reggie, Mia.	59	2576	63	43.7	8	0	27	371	19	34.7
Camarillo, Rich, N.E.	92	3953	75	43.0	13	0	56	598	16	33.6
Mojsiejenko, Ralf, S.D.	68	2881	67	42.4	9	0	36	274	15	35.7
McInally, Pat, Cin.	57	2410	64	42.3	7	1	41	535	8	29.9
Johnson, Lee, Hou.	83	3464	65	41.7	8	0	45	345	22	35.7
Kidd, John, Buff.	92	3818	67	41.5	4	0	49	438	33	35.9
Arnold, Jim, K.C.	93	3827	62	41.2	11	2	48	530	15	32.4
Norman, Chris, Den.	92	3764	61	40.9	12	2	38	325	16	34.0
Guy, Ray, Raiders	89	3627	68	40.8	12	0	26	159	32	36.3
Finzer, David, Sea.	68	2766	61	40.7	6	0	38	295	12	34.6
Gossett, Jeff, Clev.	81	3261	64	40.3	8	0	36	304	18	34.5
Jennings, Dave, Jets	74	2978	66	40.2	8	0	36	319	23	33.8
Newsome, Harry, Pitt.	78	3088	59	39.6	7	1	43	380	17	32.5

NON-QUALIFIERS

	NO	YARDS	LONG	AVG	TB	BLK	OPP RET	RET YDS	IN 20	NET AVG
Colquitt, Jimmy, Sea.	12	481	55	40.1	2	0	3	30	3	34.3
West, Jeff, Sea.	11	420	52	38.2	3	0	6	49	0	28.3
Brecht, Jim, Cin.	5	153	43	30.6	0	0	1	19	2	26.8
Smith, Tim, Hou.	1	26	26	26.0	0	0	0	0	1	26.0

Leader based on gross average, minimum 40 punts

RECORDS:

Completions: 362, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)
Touchdowns: 48, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)
Yards: 5,084, Dan Marino, Miami (1984)
Longest for TD: 99 yards, Jim Plunkett to Cliff Branch, Los Angeles (1983)

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT	PCT INT	RATING
O'Brien, Ken, Jets	488	297	60.9	3888	7.97	25	5.1	196	8	1.6	96.2
Estason, Boomer, Cin.	431	251	58.2	3443	7.99	27	6.3	168	12	2.8	93.2
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	430	254	59.1	3638	8.46	27	6.3	175	20	4.7	88.1
Marino, Dan, Mia.	567	336	59.3	4137	7.30	30	5.3	73	21	3.7	84.1
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	338	181	53.6	2536	7.50	17	5.0	184	9	2.7	83.6
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	532	285	53.6	3602	6.77	27	5.1	54	20	3.8	76.2
Malone, Mark, Pitt.	233	117	50.2	1428	6.13	13	5.6	145	7	3.0	75.5
Elway, John, Den.	605	327	54.0	3891	6.43	22	3.6	165	23	3.8	70.2
Kosar, Bernie, Clev.	248	124	50.0	1578	6.36	8	3.2	168	7	2.8	69.3
Moon, Warren, Hou.	377	200	53.1	2709	7.19	15	4.0	180	19	5.0	68.5
Eason, Tony, N.E.	299	168	56.2	2156	7.21	11	3.7	190	17	5.7	67.5
Pagel, Mike, Ind.	393	199	50.6	2414	6.14	14	3.6	180	15	3.8	65.8
Wilson, Marc, Raiders	388	193	49.7	2608	6.72	16	4.1	59	21	5.4	62.7
Mathison, Bruce, Buff.	228	113	49.6	1635	7.17	4	1.8	160	14	6.1	53.5
Ferragamo, Vince, Buff.	287	149	51.9	1677	5.84	5	1.7	48	17	5.9	50.8

NON-QUALIFIERS (10 or more attempts)

	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	AVG	TD	PCT TD	LONG	INT	PCT INT	RATING
Schonert, Turk, Cin.	51	33	64.7	460	9.02	1	2.0	71	0	0.0	100.1
Plunkett, Jim, Raiders	103	71	68.9	803	7.80	3	2.9	141	3	2.9	89.6
Anderson, Ken, Cin.	32	16	50.0	170	5.31	2	6.3	144	0	0.0	86.7
Danielson, Gary, Clev.	163	97	59.5	1274	7.82	8	4.9	172	6	3.7	85.3
Herrmann, Mark, S.D.	201	132	65.7	1537	7.65	10	5.0	59	10	5.0	84.5
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	156	85	54.5	1311	8.40	7	4.5	56	5	3.2	84.1
Moroski, Mike, Hou.	34	20	58.8	249	7.32	1	2.9	46	1	2.9	79.2
Luck, Oliver, Hou.	100	56	56.0	572	5.72	2	2.0	146	2	2.0	70.9
Hilger, Rusty, Raiders	13	4	30.8	54	4.15	1	7.7	29	0	0.0	70.7
Woodley, David, Pitt.	183	94	51.4	1357	7.42	6	3.3	69	14	7.7	54.8
Campbell, Scott, Pitt.	96	43	44.8	612	6.38	4	4.2	51	6	6.3	53.8
Gilbert, Gale, Sea.	40	19	47.5	218	5.45	1	2.5	137	2	5.0	51.9
Blackledge, Todd, K.C.	172	86	50.0	1190	6.92	6	3.5	170	14	8.1	50.3
Koffler, Matt, Ind.	48	23	47.9	284	5.92	1	2.1	133	3	6.3	47.6
Schlichter, Art, Ind.	25	12	48.0	107	4.28	0	0.0	16	2	8.0	26.6

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD		ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Wonsley, George, Ind	138	716	5.2	36	6	Moriarty, Larry, Hou	106	381	3.6	18	3
Kinnebrew, Larry, Cin.	170	714	4.2	29	9	Davenport, Ron, Mia	98	370	3.8	33	11
Winder, Sammy, Den.	199	714	3.6	42	8	Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia	105	369	3.5	15	3
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	143	667	4.7	22	5	Lang, Gene, Den.	84	318	3.8	26	5
Collins, Tony, N.E.	163	657	4.0	28	3	Bentley, Albert, Ind.	54	288	5.3	126	2
Heard, Herman, K.C.	164	595	3.6	33	4	Sewell, Steve, Den.	81	275	3.4	16	4
Hector, Johnny, Jets	145	572	3.9	22	6	Hawkins, Frank, Raiders	84	269	3.2	121	4
James, Lionel, S.D.	105	516	4.9	156	2	Gill, Owen, Ind.	45	262	5.8	67	2
Spencer, Tim, S.D.	124	478	3.9	24	10	Bennett, Woody, Mia.	54	256	4.7	17	0
Rozier, Mike, Hou.	133	462	3.5	30	8	Elway, John, Den.	51	253	5.0	22	0
Anderson, Gary, S.D.	116	429	3.7	27	4	Willhite, Gerald, Den.	66	237	3.6	14	3
Cribbs, Joe, Buff.	122	399	3.3	16	1	Morris, Randall, Sea.	55	236	4.3	21	0
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou.	103	392	3.8	43	1	Mathison, Bruce, Buff.	27	231	8.6	22	1
Pruitt, Mike, Buff.-K.C.	112	390	3.5	54	2	McGee, Buford, S.D.	42	181	4.3	44	3

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	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Weathers, Robert, N.E.	41	174	4.2	142	1
Pagel, Mike, Ind.	25	160	6.4	29	2
Paige, Tony, Jets	55	158	2.9	30	8
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	44	156	3.5	18	2
Talupu, Mosi, N.E.	47	152	3.2	11	2
Horton, Ethan, K.C.	48	146	3.0	119	3
Moon, Warren, Hou.	39	130	3.3	17	0
Brown, Eddie, Cin.	14	129	9.2	35	0
Hughes, David, Sea.	40	128	3.2	9	0
Danielson, Gary, Clev.	25	126	5.0	28	0
Krieg, Dave, Sea.	35	121	3.5	17	1
Smith, Jeff, K.C.	30	118	3.9	27	0
Bligen, Dennis, Jets	22	107	4.9	128	1
Wilson, Marc, Raiders	24	98	4.1	17	2
Blackledge, Todd, K.C.	17	97	5.7	25	0
Edwards, Stan, Hou.	25	96	3.8	19	1
Luck, Oliver, Hou.	15	95	6.3	17	0
Jennings, Stanford, Cin.	31	92	3.0	19	1
King, Bruce, K.C.	28	83	3.0	9	0
Malone, Mark, Pitt.	15	80	5.3	25	1
Eslason, Boomer, Cinn.	33	79	2.4	20	1
Carter, Joe, Mia	14	76	5.4	19	0
Woodley, David, Pitt.	17	71	4.2	13	2
Eason, Tony, N.E.	22	70	3.2	23	1
Erenberg, Rich, Pitt.	17	67	3.9	12	0
King, Kenny, Raiders	16	67	4.2	19	0
O'Brien, Ken, Jets	25	58	2.3	22	0
Spencer, Todd, Pitt.	13	56	4.3	11	0
Adams, Curtis, S.D.	16	49	3.1	14	1
Johnson, Bill, Cin.	8	44	5.5	15	0
Williams, John, Dall.-Sea.	14	42	3.0	9	0
Barber, Marion, Jets	9	41	4.6	10	0
Dickey, Curtis, Ind.-Clev.	11	40	3.6	11	0
Schonert, Turk, Cin.	8	39	4.9	17	0
Steels, Anthony, S.D.-Buff.	10	38	3.8	22	0
Johnson, Vance, Den.	10	36	3.6	14	0
Jensen, Derrick, Raiders	16	35	2.2	8	0
Middleton, Frank, Ind.	13	35	2.7	13	1
Kofler, Matt, Ind.	4	33	8.3	23	1
Allen, Greg, Clev.	8	32	4.0	8	0
Lane, Eric, Sea.	14	32	2.3	12	0
Grogan, Steve, N.E.	20	29	1.5	12	2
Campbell, Scott, Pitt.	9	28	3.1	14	0
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	7	27	3.9	13	1
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	3	25	8.3	13	0
Martin, Robbie, Ind.	1	23	23.0	23	0
Minter, Cedric, Jets	8	23	2.9	11	0
Moore, Booker, Buff.	15	23	1.5	4	1
Lacy, Ken, K.C.	6	21	3.5	6	0
Jones, E.J., K.C.	12	19	1.6	7	0
Parros, Rick, Sea.	8	19	2.4	6	0
Capers, Wayne, Ind.	3	18	6.0	120	1
Weathers, Clarence, Clev.	1	18	18.0	18	0
Morse, Steve, Pitt.	8	17	2.1	9	0
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	2	16	8.0	115	1
Tasker, Steve, Hou.	2	16	8.0	13	0
Ferragamo, Vince, Buff.	8	15	1.9	5	1
Paige, Stephone, K.C.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Hester, Jessie, Raiders	1	13	13.0	113	1
Schlichter, Art, Ind.	2	13	6.5	9	0
Plunkett, Jim, Raiders	5	12	2.4	7	0
Poole, Nathan, Den.	4	12	3.0	6	0
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	1	12	12.0	12	0
Hutchison, Anthony, Buff.	2	11	5.5	7	0
Moore, Nat, Mia.	1	11	11.0	11	0
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Humphrey, Bobby, Jets	1	10	10.0	10	0
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Davis, Johnny, Clev.	4	9	2.3	5	0
Hilger, Rusty, Raiders	3	8	2.7	4	0
Kubiak, Gary, Den.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Franklin, Byron, Sea.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Hardy, Andre, Sea.	5	5	1.0	4	0
Toon, Al, Jets	1	5	5.0	5	0
Gilbert, Gale, Sea.	7	4	0.6	8	0
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Moroski, Mike, Hou.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Kenney, Bill, K.C.	14	1	0.1	5	1
Strachan, Steve, Raiders	2	1	0.5	1	0
Anderson, Ken, Cin.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Baab, Mike, Clev.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Doornink, Dan, Sea.	4	0	0.0	3	0
Guy, Ray, Raiders	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, Lee, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0

	ATT	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Mojsiejenko, Ralf, S.D.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Norman, Chris, Den.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Smith, Bruce, Buff.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Butler, Raymond, Ind.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Fouts, Dan, S.D.	11	-1	-0.1	7	0
Reed, Andre, Buff.	3	-1	-0.3	114	1
Finzer, David, Sea.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
McInally, Pat, Cin.	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
Drewrey, Willie, Hou.	2	-4	-2.0	5	0
Franklin, Tony, N.E.	1	-5	-5.0	-5	0
Ryan, Pat, Jets	3	-5	-1.7	-1	0
Strock, Don, Mia.	2	-6	-3.0	-3	0
Herrmann, Mark, S.D.	18	-8	-0.4	11	0
Kosar, Bernie, Clev.	26	-12	-0.5	10	1
Marino, Dan, Mia.	26	-24	-0.9	6	0

PASS RECEIVING

RECORDS:

Receptions: 101, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1964)

Yards: 1,746, Charlie Hennigan, Houston (1961)

TDs: 18, Mark Clayton, Miami (1984)

(5 or more receptions)	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
James, Lionel, S.D.	86	1027	11.9	167	6
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	82	987	12.0	48	6
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou.	80	814	10.2	180	4
Largent, Steve, Sea.	79	1287	16.3	43	6
Shuler, Mickey, Jets	76	879	11.6	35	7
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	75	937	12.5	41	5
Nathan, Tony, Mia.	72	651	9.0	73	1
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	70	996	14.2	45	4
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	67	1199	17.9	175	10
Allen, Marcus, Raiders	67	555	8.3	44	3
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	65	1125	17.3	71	5
Hill, Drew, Hou.	64	1169	18.3	157	9
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	62	711	11.5	38	5
Watson, Steve, Den.	61	915	15.0	60	5
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	59	1134	19.2	51	12
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	59	932	15.8	139	7
Bell, Greg, Buff.	58	576	9.9	49	1
Brooks, James, Cin.	55	576	10.5	157	5
Brown, Eddie, Cin.	53	942	17.8	168	8
Collins, Tony, N.E.	52	549	10.6	49	2
Johnson, Vance, Den.	51	721	14.1	163	3
Moore, Nat, Mia.	51	701	13.7	169	7
Williams, Dokie, Raiders	48	925	19.3	55	5
Reed, Andre, Buff.	48	637	13.3	32	4
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	47	843	17.9	137	4
Warner, Curt, Sea.	47	307	6.5	127	1
Toon, Al, Jets	46	662	14.4	178	3
Smith, Tim, Hou.	46	660	14.3	33	2
Byner, Earnest, Clev.	45	460	10.2	31	2
Paige, Stephone, K.C.	43	943	21.9	184	10
Holohan, Pete, S.D.	42	458	10.9	23	3
Butler, Jerry, Buff.	41	770	18.8	160	2
Sievers, Eric, S.D.	41	438	10.7	130	6
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	39	760	19.5	150	5
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	39	670	17.2	56	7
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	39	534	13.7	139	4
Williams, Jamie, Hou.	39	444	11.4	29	1
Hardy, Bruce, Mia.	39	409	10.5	31	4
Holman, Rodney, Cin.	38	479	12.6	164	7
McNeill, Freeman, Jets	38	427	11.2	25	2
Ramson, Eason, Buff.	37	369	10.0	43	1
Beach, Pat, Ind.	36	376	10.4	30	6
Duper, Mark, Mia.	35	650	18.6	167	3
Anderson, Gary, S.D.	35	422	12.1	152	2
Willhite, Gerald, Den.	35	297	8.5	21	1
Walker, Wesley, Jets	34	725	21.3	196	5
Turner, Daryl, Sea.	34	670	19.7	54	13
Erenberg, Rich, Pitt.	33	326	9.9	35	3
Hester, Jessie, Raiders	32	665	20.8	59	4
Brennan, Brian, Clev.	32	487	15.2	57	0
Heard, Herman, K.C.	31	257	8.3	27	2
Winder, Sammy, Den.	31	197	6.4	24	0
Wonsley, George, Ind.	30	257	8.6	20	0
Kay, Clarence, Den.	29	339	11.7	27	3
Mack, Kevin, Clev.	29	297	10.2	43	3
Young, Charles, Sea.	28	351	12.5	132	2
Arnold, Walt, K.C.	28	339	12.1	38	1
Ramsey, Derrick, N.E.	28	285	10.2	26	1
Wright, James, Den.	28	246	8.8	30	1

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	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Horton, Ethan, K.C.	28	185	6.6	22	1
Bouza, Matt, Ind.	27	381	14.1	40	2
James, Craig, N.E.	27	360	13.3	190	2
Hawkins, Frank, Raiders	27	174	6.4	20	2
Sampson, Clinton, Den.	26	432	16.6	46	4
Marshall, Henry, K.C.	25	446	17.8	50	0
Capers, Wayne, Ind.	25	438	17.5	180	4
Winslow, Kellen, S.D.	25	318	12.7	26	0
Boyer, Mark, Ind.	25	274	11.0	33	0
Pollard, Frank, Pitt.	24	250	10.4	20	0
Sewell, Steve, Den.	24	224	9.3	154	1
Abercrombie, Walter, Pitt.	24	209	8.7	27	2
Lang, Gene, Den.	23	180	7.8	24	2
Kinnebrew, Larry, Cin.	22	187	8.5	129	1
McMillan, Randy, Ind.	22	115	5.2	17	0
Burkett, Chris, Buff.	21	371	17.7	38	0
Skansi, Paul, Sea.	21	269	12.8	32	1
Jones, Cedric, N.E.	21	237	11.3	129	2
Johnson, Butch, Den.	19	380	20.0	165	3
Butler, Raymond, Ind.	19	345	18.2	172	2
Rose, Joe, Mia.	19	306	16.1	42	4
Walker, Byron, Sea.	19	285	15.0	128	2
Hughes, David, Sea.	19	184	9.7	26	0
Smith, Jeff, K.C.	18	157	8.7	145	2
Cribbs, Joe, Buff.	18	142	7.9	23	0
Paige, Tony, Jets	18	120	6.7	19	2
Hector, Johnny, Jets	17	164	9.6	28	0
Dawson, Lin, N.E.	17	148	8.7	26	0
Moriarty, Larry, Hou.	17	112	6.6	16	0
Weathers, Clarence, Clev.	16	449	28.1	172	3
Starring, Stephen, N.E.	16	235	14.7	40	0
Sweeney, Calvin, Pitt.	16	234	14.6	69	0
Ross, Dan, Cin.-Sea.	16	135	8.4	20	2
Hancock, Anthony, K.C.	15	286	19.1	48	2
Lane, Eric, Sea.	15	153	10.2	20	0
Alexander, Charles, Cin.	15	110	7.3	19	0
Martin, Mike, Cin.	14	187	13.4	28	0
Klever, Rocky, Jets	14	183	13.1	23	2
Johnson, Dan, Mia.	13	192	14.8	161	3
Davenport, Ron, Mia.	13	74	5.7	117	2
Richardson, Eric, Buff.	12	201	16.8	27	0
Townsell, JoJo, Jets	12	187	15.6	36	0
Jennings, Stanford, Cin.	12	101	8.4	24	3
Metzelaars, Pete, Buff.	12	80	6.7	13	1
Bendross, Jesse, S.D.	11	156	14.2	154	2
Spencer, Tim, S.D.	11	135	12.3	43	0
Bentley, Albert, Ind.	11	85	7.7	16	0
Kreider, Steve, Cin.	10	184	18.4	56	1
Adams, Willis, Clev.	10	132	13.2	22	0
Martin, Robbie, Ind.	10	128	12.8	22	0
Harris, M.L., Cin.	10	123	12.3	122	1
Franklin, Byron, Sea.	10	119	11.9	28	0
Bennett, Woody, Mia.	10	101	10.1	127	1
Holt, Harry, Clev.	10	95	9.5	23	1
Williams, Oliver, Ind.	9	175	19.4	30	1
Williams, Derwin, N.E.	9	163	18.1	30	0
Rozier, Mike, Hou.	9	96	10.7	52	0
Thompson, Weegie, Pitt.	8	138	17.3	42	1
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia.	8	56	7.0	15	0
Doornink, Dan, Sea.	8	52	6.5	19	0
Edwards, Stan, Hou.	7	71	10.1	31	0
King, Bruce, K.C.	7	45	6.4	8	0
Moore, Booker, Buff.	7	44	6.3	9	0
Pruitt, Mike, K.C.	7	43	6.1	9	0
Hefflin, Vince, Mia.	6	98	16.3	146	1
Gothard, Preston, Pitt.	6	83	13.8	24	0
Holston, Michael, Hou. K.C.	6	76	12.7	25	0
Cunningham, Bennie, Pitt.	6	61	10.2	17	0
Morris, Randall, Sea.	6	14	2.3	6	0
Young, Glen, Clev.	5	111	22.2	145	1
Moffett, Tim, Raiders	5	90	18.0	34	0
Sherwin, Tim, Ind.	5	64	12.8	29	0
Banks, Fred, Clev.	5	62	12.4	117	2
Scott, Willie, K.C.	5	61	12.2	21	0
Middleton, Frank, Ind.	5	54	10.8	34	0
Gill, Owen, Ind.	5	52	10.4	20	0
Bligen, Dennis, Jets	5	43	8.6	14	0
Hayes, Jonathan, K.C.	5	39	7.8	12	1

TOP 25 RECEIVERS BY YARDS

	YARDS	NO	AVG	LONG	TD
Largent, Steve, Sea.	1287	79	16.3	43	6
Chandler, Wes, S.D.	1199	67	17.9	175	10
Hill, Drew, Hou.	1169	64	18.3	157	9

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	YARDS	NO	AVG	LONG	TD
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	1134	59	19.2	51	12
Collinsworth, Cris, Cin.	1125	65	17.3	71	5
James, Lionel, S.D.	1027	86	11.9	167	6
Clayton, Mark, Mia.	996	70	14.2	45	4
Christensen, Todd, Raiders	987	82	12.0	48	6
Paige, Stephanie, K.C.	943	43	21.9	184	10
Brown, Eddie, Cin.	942	53	17.8	168	8
Stallworth, John, Pitt.	937	75	12.5	41	5
Joiner, Charlie, S.D.	932	59	15.8	139	7
Williams, Dokie, Raiders	925	48	19.3	55	5
Watson, Steve, Den.	915	61	15.0	60	5
Shuler, Mickey, Jets	879	76	11.6	35	7
Carson, Carlos, K.C.	843	47	17.9	137	4
Woolfolk, Butch, Hou.	814	80	10.2	180	4
Butler, Jerry, Buff.	770	41	18.8	160	2
Morgan, Stanley, N.E.	760	39	19.5	150	5
Walker, Wesley, Jets	725	34	21.3	196	5
Johnson, Vance, Den.	721	51	14.1	163	3
Newsome, Ozzie, Clev.	711	62	11.5	38	5
Moore, Nat, Mia.	701	51	13.7	169	7
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	670	39	17.2	56	7
Turner, Daryl, Sea.	670	34	19.7	54	13

PUNT RETURNS

RECORDS:

Number: 62, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985)

Yards: 692, Fulton Walker, Los Angeles (1985)

Longest for TD: 97 yards, Greg Pruitt, Los Angeles (1983)

	NO	FC	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	37	15	520	14.1	185	2
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	36	2	437	12.1	171	2
Walker, Fulton, Raiders	62	6	692	11.2	32	0
Martin, Robbie, Ind.	40	7	443	11.1	170	1
Skansi, Paul, Sea.	31	7	312	10.1	32	0
Drewrey, Willie, Hou.	24	10	215	9.0	23	0
Vigorito, Tom, Mia.	22	5	197	9.0	21	0
Lane, Garcia, K.C.	43	7	381	8.9	57	0
Johnson, Vance, Den.	30	6	260	8.7	38	0
James, Lionel, S.D.	25	8	213	8.5	24	0
Martin, Mike, Cin.	32	8	268	8.4	26	0
Weathers, Clarence, Clev.	28	4	218	7.8	16	0
NON-QUALIFIERS (3 or more)						
Brennan, Brian, Clev.	19	4	153	8.1	137	1
Willhite, Gerald, Den.	16	5	169	10.6	18	0
Wilson, Don, Buff.	16	5	161	10.1	30	0
Sohn, Kurt, Jets	16	5	149	9.3	46	0
Hill, Rod, Buff.	16	1	120	7.5	25	0
Springs, Kirk, Jets	14	4	147	10.5	40	0
Woods, Rick, Pitt.	13	2	46	3.5	10	0
Greene, Danny, Sea.	11	3	60	5.5	13	0
Easley, Ken, Sea.	8	0	87	10.9	25	0
Montgomery, Cleotha, Raiders	8	2	84	10.5	32	0
Kozlowski, Mike, Mia.	7	2	65	9.3	17	0
Townsell, JoJo, Jets	6	1	65	10.8	22	0
Donaldson, Jeff, Hou.	6	1	35	5.8	13	0
Lockett, Frank, Mia.	5	0	23	4.6	8	0
Reed, Andre, Buff.	5	0	12	2.4	5	0
Harris, John, Sea.	3	1	24	8.0	12	0
Blackwood, Glenn, Mia.	3	3	20	6.7	18	0

INTERCEPTIONS

RECORDS:

Number: 13, Lester Hayes, Oakland (1980)

Yards: 349, Charlie McNeil, San Diego (1961)

Longest return: 102 yards

Gary Barbaro, Kansas City (1977)

Louis Breeden, Cincinnati (1981)

TDs: 4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)

4, Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Lewis, Albert, K.C.	8	59	7.4	16	0
Daniel, Eugene, Ind.	8	53	6.6	29	0
Marion, Fred, N.E.	7	189	27.0	83	0
Griffin, James, Cin.	7	116	16.6	33	1
Cherry, Deron, K.C.	7	87	12.4	147	1
Romes, Charles, Buff.	7	56	8.0	21	0
Harris, John, Sea.	7	20	2.9	17	0
Jackson, Robert, Cin.	6	100	16.7	157	1
Clayborn, Ray, N.E.	6	80	13.3	38	1
Brown, Dave, Sea.	6	58	9.7	128	1
Blackwood, Glenn, Mia.	6	36	6.0	17	0

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	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Gross, Al, Clev.	5	109	21.8	137	1
Harden, Mike, Den.	5	100	20.0	142	1
Woodruff, Dwayne, Pitt.	5	80	16.0	33	0
Walters, Danny, S.D.	5	71	14.2	30	0
Wright, Louis, Den.	5	44	8.8	24	0
Brown, Steve, Hou.	5	41	8.2	22	0
Hendy, John, S.D.	4	139	34.8	175	1
Judson, William, Mia.	4	88	22.0	161	1
Taylor, Terry, Sea.	4	75	18.8	175	1
James, Roland, N.E.	4	51	12.8	39	0
Williams, Eric, Pitt.	4	47	11.8	29	0
Shell, Donnie, Pitt.	4	40	10.0	26	0
Hayes, Lester, Raiders	4	27	6.8	127	1
Glenn, Kerry, Jets	4	15	3.8	115	1
Lankford, Paul, Mia.	4	10	2.5	6	0
Haynes, Mike, Raiders	4	8	2.0	8	0
Jackson, Bobby, Jets	4	8	2.0	8	0
Lippett, Ronnie, N.E.	3	93	31.0	58	0
Dixon, Hanford, Clev.	3	65	21.7	37	0
Eason, Bo, Hou.	3	55	18.3	55	0
Foley, Steve, Den.	3	47	15.7	29	0
Ross, Kevin, K.C.	3	47	15.7	27	0
Smith, Dennis, Den.	3	46	15.3	39	0
Hill, Greg, K.C.	3	37	12.3	37	0
Mehl, Lance, Jets	3	33	11.0	18	0
Bostic, Keith, Hou.	3	28	9.3	26	0
Croft, Sherman, K.C.	3	27	9.0	27	0
Mullen, Davlin, Jets	3	14	4.7	14	0
Clifton, Kyle, Jets	3	10	3.3	10	0
Wilson, Steve, Den.	3	8	2.7	8	0
Lowe, Woodrow, S.D.	3	6	2.0	4	0
Dale, Jeffery, S.D.	2	83	41.5	147	1
Bellinger, Rodney, Buff.	2	64	32.0	41	0
Robinson, Eugene, Sea.	2	47	23.5	47	0
Brazier, Larry, Clev.	2	40	20.0	40	0
Brown, Bud, Mia.	2	40	20.0	26	0
Bradley, Carlos, S.D.	2	36	18.0	18	0
Merrifield, Mike, Pitt.	2	36	18.0	135	1
Butler, Keith, Sea.	2	31	15.5	31	0
Davis, Wayne, S.D.	2	29	14.5	28	0
Breedon, Louis, Cin.	2	24	12.0	30	0
McElroy, Vann, Raiders	2	23	11.5	23	0
Wilson, Don, Buff.	2	23	11.5	23	0
Easley, Ken, Sea.	2	22	11.0	16	0
Green, Mike, S.D.	2	17	8.5	12	0
Hill, Rod, Buff.	2	17	8.5	17	0
Davis, Preston, Ind.	2	14	7.0	14	0
Hamilton, Harry, Jets	2	14	7.0	14	0
Wright, Felix, Clev.	2	11	5.5	10	0
Bayless, Martin, Buff.	2	10	5.0	10	0
Miano, Rich, Jets	2	9	4.5	6	0
King, Linden, S.D.	2	8	4.0	5	0
Burroughs, Derrick, Buff.	2	7	3.5	7	0
Kush, Rod, Hou.	2	6	3.0	6	0
Lilly, Tony, Den.	2	4	2.0	4	0
Swain, John, Pitt.	2	4	2.0	4	0
Horton, Ray, Cin.	2	3	1.5	3	0
Little, David, Pitt.	2	0	0.0	3	0
Toran, Stacey, Raiders	1	76	76.0	176	1
Brophy, Jay, Mia.	1	41	41.0	41	0
Haslett, Jim, Buff.	1	40	40.0	40	0
Turner, Jim, Cin.	1	40	40.0	40	0
Seale, Sam, Raiders	1	38	38.0	138	1
McPherson, Miles, S.D.	1	30	30.0	30	0
Green, Hugh, Mia.	1	28	28.0	28	0
Byrd, Gill, S.D.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Lynn, Johnny, Jets	1	24	24.0	24	0
McKinney, Odis, Raiders	1	22	22.0	22	0
Van Pelt, Brad, Raiders	1	22	22.0	22	0
Radecki, Scott, K.C.	1	21	21.0	21	0
Hunter, Daniel, Den.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Robinson, Mark, K.C.	1	20	20.0	20	0
Green, Jacob, Sea.	1	19	19.0	19	1
Woodard, Ken, Den.	1	18	18.0	18	0
Williams, Lee, S.D.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Martin, Rod, Raiders	1	16	16.0	16	0
Blackmon, Don, N.E.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Riley, Avon, Hou.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Weathers, Curtis, Clev.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Frazier, Guy, Buff.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Rockins, Chris, Clev.	1	8	8.0	8	0
Cooks, Johnie, Ind.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Shipp, Jackie, Mia.	1	7	7.0	7	0
Brudzinski, Bob, Mia.	1	6	6.0	6	0

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Johnson, Eddie, Clev.	1	6	6.0	6	0
Brown, Mark, Mia.	1	5	5.0	5	0
Cole, Robin, Pitt.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Moyer, Alex, Mia.	1	4	4.0	4	0
Minnifield, Frank, Clev.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Robbins, Randy, Den.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Rogers, Don, Clev.	1	3	3.0	3	0
Squirek, Jack, Raiders	1	3	3.0	3	0
Anderson, Don, Ind.	1	1	1.0	1	0
Barnes, Jeff, Raiders	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bickett, Duane, Ind.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Blackwood, Lyle, Mia.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Burruss, Lloyd, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Cousineau, Tom, Clev.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, Lawrence, Buff.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kemp, Bobby, Cin.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Krauss, Barry, Ind.	1	0	0.0	0	0
McGrew, Larry, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
McSwain, Rod, N.E.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Randle, Tate, Ind.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Smith, Billy Ray, S.D.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Stensrud, Mike, Hou.	1	0	0.0	0	0
Young, Anthony, Ind.	1	0	0.0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

RECORDS:

Number: 55, Bruce Harper, New York (1978, 1979)

55, David Turner, Cincinnati (1979)

Yards: 1,317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)

Longest: 106 yards, Noland Smith, Kansas City

(1967)

TDs: 3, Ray Clayborn, New England (1977)

	NO	YARDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Young, Glen, Clev.	35	898	25.7	63	0
Bentley, Albert, Ind.	27	674	25.0	48	0
Drewrey, Willie, Hou.	26	642	24.7	50	0
Johnson, Vance, Den.	30	740	24.7	39	0
Martin, Mike, Cin.	48	1104	23.0	45	0
Spencer, Todd, Pitt.	27	617	22.9	40	0
Hampton, Lorenzo, Mia.	45	1020	22.7	46	0
Walker, Fulton, Raiders	21	467	22.2	57	0
James, Lionel, S.D.	36	779	21.6	46	0
Wilson, Don, Buff.	22	465	21.1	37	0
Starring, Stephen, N.E.	48	1012	21.1	53	0
Erenberg, Rich, Pitt.	21	441	21.0	35	0
Seale, Sam, Raiders	23	482	21.0	36	0
Morris, Randall, Sea.	31	636	20.5	58	0
Martin, Robbie, Ind.	32	638	19.9	36	0
Smith, Jeff, K.C.	33	654	19.8	39	0
Steels, Anthony, S.D.-Buff.	30	561	18.7	54	0
NON-QUALIFIERS (3 or more)					
Skansi, Paul, Sea.	19	358	18.8	35	0
Tasker, Steve, Hou.	17	447	26.3	52	0
Humphery, Bobby, Jets.	17	363	21.4	56	0
Lang, Gene, Den.	17	361	21.2	33	0
Anderson, Gary, S.D.	13	302	23.2	198	1
Lane, Garcia, K.C.	13	269	20.7	37	0
Lipps, Louis, Pitt.	13	237	18.2	26	0
Jennings, Stanford, Cin.	13	218	16.8	26	0
Hutchison, Anthony, Buff.	12	239	19.9	36	0
Walls, Herkie, Hou.	12	234	19.5	42	0
Hector, Johnny, Jets	11	274	24.9	47	0
Springs, Kirk, Jets	10	227	22.7	58	0
Fontenot, Herman, Clev.	8	215	26.9	81	0
Montgomery, Cleotha, Raiders	7	150	21.4	30	0
McGee, Buford, S.D.	7	135	19.3	33	0
Brookins, Mitchell, Buff.	6	152	25.3	39	0
Hancock, Anthony, K.C.	6	125	20.8	40	0
Greene, Danny, Sea.	5	144	28.8	52	0
Donaldson, Jeff, Hou.	5	93	18.6	22	0
Glenn, Kerry, Jets	5	71	14.2	20	0
Carter, Joe, Mia.	4	82	20.5	25	0
Richardson, Eric, Buff.	3	69	23.0	31	0
Langhorne, Reggie, Clev.	3	46	15.3	19	0
Williams, Oliver, Ind.	3	44	14.7	21	0
Elder, Donnie, Jets	3	42	14.0	25	0
Fryar, Irving, N.E.	3	39	13.0	24	0
Brooks, James, Cin.	3	38	12.7	15	0
Jones, Cedric, N.E.	3	37	12.3	20	0
Washington, Sam, Pitt.	3	34	11.3	14	0
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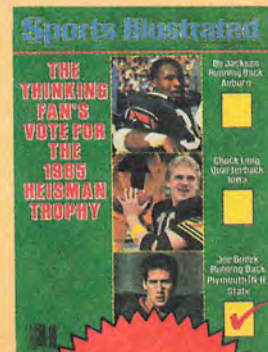
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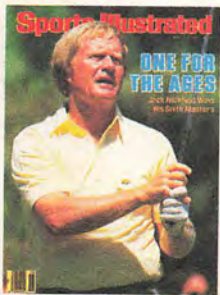
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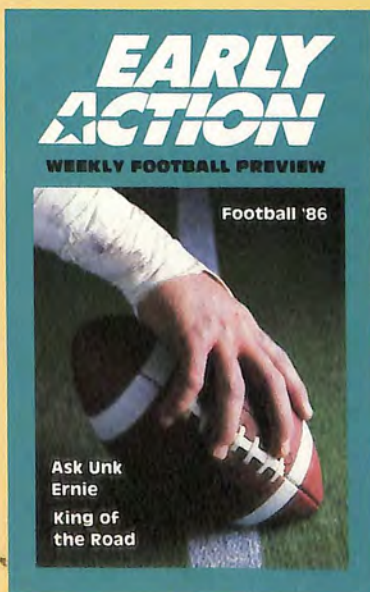


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